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PEKING DISCORD.

COUNTER-OFFENSIVE POSTPONED.

SURPRISE DEVELOPMENT.

Wuhu Anti-British Agitators Suppressed.

CANTON GOVT. STILL AT LOGGERHEADS WITH NANKING.

Just as the military leaders of the Peking Government were about ready to take the field against the Nationalist allies, discord has broken out again owing to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's sudden return from the front to the capital. The "Christian General," on the opposite side, is threatened by a serious revolt of subordinates, which is reported by Reuter and generally substantiated by Chinese observers.

Anti-British agitators at Wuhu, a port on the lower Yangtze, have been suppressed by the local Nationalist authorities.

Canton is still at loggerheads with Nanking and the danger of an invasion by the Hunanese is passing away.

SUN CHUAN-FANG FOR PEACE.

Overnight cables again refer to preparations for intensification of war by the Peking Government, but the Northern leaders have so often declared their intention to counter-attack the Nationalist allies that the reports have less than value than appears on the surface.

The Kuomintang (of which the "Christian General" is commander-in-chief) is stated to have pushed back a Peking army under Marshal Sun Chuan-fang at Lin-cheng. This is a railway town in the south of Shantung province where a large number of foreigners were sensationally captured by bandits some years ago and is about 400 miles or so from Peking.

Defence and Attack.

General Chang Hsueh-liang, the son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the dictator of Peking, is reported to have gone towards the war zone to confer with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, and another Peking General, Chang Tsung-chang, on defence plans of the present front line. Another message, however, says that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has been informed that both Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and General Chang Tsung-chang are going to Peking to attend a council of war in the capital.

Yet another Peking General, Chang Tso-hsiang, is stated to have received a quantity of arms (probably from the "Praga" shipment) and has proceeded to Tating to direct another offensive against Shansi province, the governor of which is also an ally of the Nationalists.

Peking's Offensive Held Up.

Peking, Yesterday.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's return to Peking last evening is causing considerable comment in view of the fact that he only returned from Peking to Tsinanfu (near the war zone) after the China New Year conference of a fortnight ago. It is officially stated that Sun Chuan-fang has come here to obtain funds for the payment of troops; but other suggestions are that he has come to urge a campaign against the Nationalists or to urge peace either with the Nationalists or with Shansi province. His visit has altered the Peking Government's plans for General Yang Yu-ting (chief-of-staff), General Chang Tso-hsiang and other Generals who were leaving with the object of launching attacks against the "Christian General" and against Shansi province have postponed their departures indefinitely.

Revolt Against Christian General.
A semi-official report says that General Hsu Chow-chun who was stationed near Loyang (in Honan province), revolted against the "Christian General" on Feb. 6 and is now attacking the latter's rear at Kunghsien where the "Christian General's" only arsenal is situated, and is also cutting communications between the Lung-Hai Line railroad and Chengchow (railway junction), hindering supplies coming from Shensi province to the "Christian General."—Reuter.

GERMAN POLITICS.

Election Probable in May.

THE EDUCATION DISPUTE.

Hindenburg Attempts To Avert Crisis.

Berlin, Yesterday.
President Hindenburg has intervened in order to prevent a political crisis. In a letter to Herr Marx reminding them that the Reichstag has urgent tasks, particularly the budget, he appeals to all to postpone the education dispute and maintain a workable Government till all other problems have been settled.

There is little doubt that the Reichstag will respond to the appeal and a General Election is probable in May.—Reuter.

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SERVANTS OF MILITARY.

Three organisations in the Colony of Chinese who work for the local military authorities, described as "societies" by the Government, have been closed.

By the powers vested in him under section 4 of the Societies Ordinance of 1920, the Governor in Council ordered on Thursday, says the "Gazette," that the following be declared unlawful societies:—

Kau Kong Luk Kwan Ping
Ka Tung Ping Yi Ngai Yu
K'iu Kong Ping Fong Tso Tin Kung Sz
Heung Kong Ping Ka Kung
Sheung Tsui Tsang She.
The effect of such an order is that existence ceases forthwith.

RED SUSPECTS.

As the result of police raids, it is reported that over 50 suspected Reds have been detained, chiefly from Shaokwan, Shumshuipo and West Point districts.

This pro-Communist tendencies has been revived. In short, the Kwangtung provincial and Canton city branches of the Nationalist Party have categorically refused to recognise the new Nationalist governmental and party executives at Nanking because alleged Reds and Pinks (mostly Leftists who, schemed against Canton) took part in the deliberations in spite of a protest.

The Hunanese Invasion.
Reliable sources state that there are no Hunanese troops inside Kwangtung province. After the first counter-attack by the Cantonese, the Hunanese invaders retreated back to their own territory and the frontier is quiet.

Cantonese military circles at Shuiwan, a railway terminus 150 m. N. of Canton, believe that the Hunanese may wheel westward and attempt to enter Kwangsi province from Tungchow (formerly an important mission station), in preference to making another bid to enter Kwangtung.

FOREIGN RIGHTS.

Peking Dictator's Promise Disregarded.

Peking, Yesterday.
Britain, America, Japan and France yesterday entered a strong joint protest to the Dictator of the Peking Government relative to the action of the Chinese authorities in north Manchuria towards the leaseholders of land in the Chinese Eastern Railway zone.

Last December General Chan Chuan-shang, the chief Chinese authority in that area, issued a proclamation declaring void all leases of territory in the railway zone, which includes a considerable portion of Harbin city. He also demanded the handing in of title deeds, whereupon new leases for ten to thirty years from current date would be issued, whereas the greater portion of the land is held under leases due to expire in 1933.

The proclamation also stated that the new leases would only be transferable to persons who did not enjoy extraterritoriality. The protest calls attention to the Dictator's repeated declarations that foreign rights in territory under his control would always be respected.—Reuter.

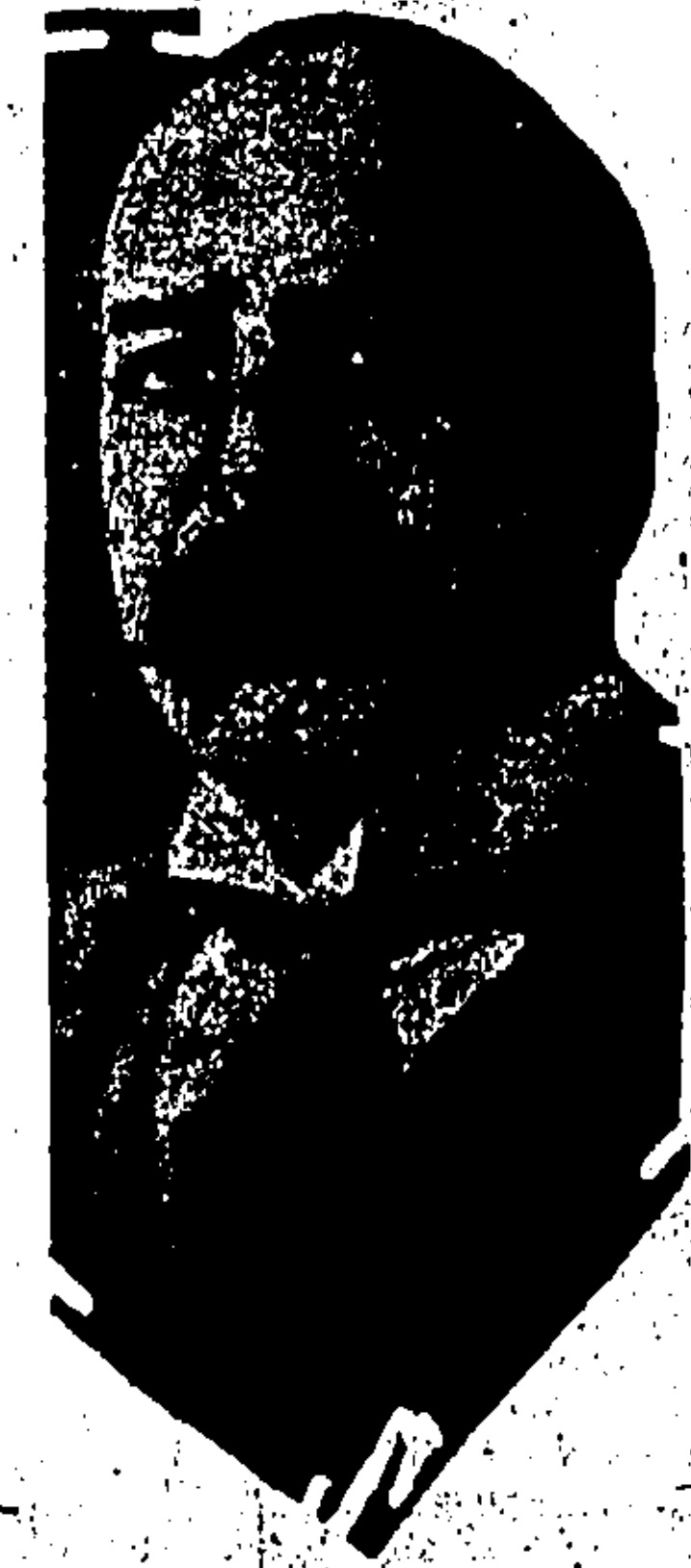
SIR ALFRED MOND.

Party Mobbed Near Bagdad.

10,000 ATTACKERS.

Political Propagandists Incite Religious Frenzy.

Bagdad, Yesterday.
Sir Alfred Mond and his wife and daughter with a party of 11 were compelled to enter the city circuitously after a cross-desert journey in order to escape a threatening mob of 10,000 who were induced to believe by political propagandists that Sir A. Mond's visit was connected with



Sir A. Mond.

the introduction into Iraq of Zionist principles similar to those in Palestine.

Six miles from the city, the party was transferred from a trans-desert six wheeler saloon to four light cars and raced to the British Residency.

In the meantime the mob, shouting "down with Zionism," stopped several cars and beat and robbed local passengers whom they thought belonged to Sir A. Mond's party. Mounted police charged and cleared the demonstrators.—Reuter.

THE TOURISTS.

FULL PROGRAMME UNTIL MONDAY.

CANTON & MACAO VISITS.

Local stores still continue to do good business with the tourists from the "Empress of Australia" and the "Belgenland," the two world-cruisers which will remain

A SENATE SHOCK.

Against Three Term Presidents.

Washington, To-day.
The Senate by 56 votes to 25 has passed a resolution that it is unwise, unpatriotic and dangerous for any President of the United States to hold office for three terms.—Reuter's American Service.

here until Monday evening. The "Empress of Australia" then leaves for the North and the "Belgenland" for the South.

Yesterday, trips were made to Repulse Bay and other places of interest and in the evening three hundred of the "Empress of Australia" passengers dined at the Hong Kong Hotel, afterwards going to Repulse Bay to participate in the dancing.

A hundred of the "Belgenland" passengers went up to Canton yesterday by special train and another hundred went to Macao. The same programme will be followed to-day and Sunday will be devoted to trips round the New Territories.

FRANCONIA VISIT

The R.M.S. "Franconia" arrives in Hong Kong on the morning of March 1 and leaves on the afternoon of the next day. She left New York on Jan. 7 and will come here from Bangkok. Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son are the local agents.

THE HOUGHTON CASE.

Allegation of Acting As Solicitor.

DECISION RESERVED.

Defendant Formerly A Teacher At St. Joseph's.

The case against C. M. Houghton charged on two counts of "directly or indirectly practising or acting as a solicitor not having been admitted and enrolled, contrary to the Legal Practitioners' Ordinance of 1871," was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when after the defendant had closed his defence, there followed argument between his Worship and Mr. Blake as to whether or not the defendant's action came under the provision of the Ordinance under which he was charged, after which Mr. Lindsell reserved his decision, intimating that he would give a considered judgment at noon on Thursday next.

Rev. Bro. Aimar.

The first witness called by Houghton yesterday afternoon, was the Rev. Bro. Aimar, Director of St. Joseph's College, who said that he appeared under subpoena.

The witness said in reply to the Magistrate that Houghton was a teacher at St. Joseph's College until January 31 when he resigned.

Houghton asked Bro. Aimar if it were not a fact that between the hours of 1.30 and 4 o'clock on the afternoon of January 20 last he (Houghton) was teaching at St. Joseph's College.

Bro. Aimar replied that on two or three occasions during the month of January, Houghton had applied to him for leave of absence for an hour or so, and on one or two occasions the witness had refused to grant him leave. The witness could not remember if January 20 was one of those occasions.

Mr. Blake pointed out that Houghton was not summoned for being present on January 20. The witness said that he had withdrawn summons against Haynes related to January 20. The allegation against Houghton was the interview on January 19 and the writing of the letters of January 18 and 20.

A "Broker."

Shiu Cheuk-king who described himself as a broker associated with C. M. Houghton and Co., and the South China Trade Protection Association was then called. He said that he was in the office on the afternoon of January 20, and Houghton was not there at 2 o'clock. The witness knew a man named Suen.

Houghton at this stage said in reply to the Magistrate that he was calling this witness to prove that he (Houghton) did not act as a solicitor, and that the witnesses for the prosecution lied under oath when they alleged that he assaulted Pang Chau and threatened him with deportation.

Replying to Houghton, the witness Shiu said that the door of the office was not locked that afternoon and Pang Chau was not detained in the office as a prisoner.

The witness further stated that he was also present in the office on January 19 and did not hear any threat of deportation of criminal proceedings.

By the Magistrate: The witness was present at the interview with Pang Chau.

In answer to Mr. Blake who asked the witness "What are you a broker in," Shiu said that he canvassed for advertisements for the newspaper run by Houghton.

Mr. Blake: That is not a broker.

Mr. Lindsell said that the witness used a Chinese word which was translated by the interpreter as "broker." The Chinese word was capable of including the meaning of canvasser.

Mr. Blake did not press the point.

Never Saw Letter.

Referring to the letter of January 18 which he called the "criminal proceedings one," Mr. Blake asked the witness if that letter was produced and referred to at the interview on the 19th.

The witness replied that he never saw that letter before.

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NO REAL ISSUE.

WHY THE CHINESE ARE AT WAR.

TOURISTS PERPLEXED.

Seeking Planks For Political Platforms.

MYSTERIES EXPLAINED FOR BENEFIT OF FOREIGNERS.

[By "Li Chung yin."]

If any of our seven hundred tourist visitors are ill at ease because they cannot understand what the various factions in China are fighting about, they need not be afraid to say so. Most foreign residents in China are no better off. Indeed, the majority of those whose business it is to study conditions and watch developments are often nonplussed.

The truth is that there is no material difference in the creeds of the political parties engaged in civil war.

Just as the two American parties, the Republicans and Democrats, have to find "planks" for their Presidential election "platforms," the respective Chinese leaders are always seeking reasons to denounce opponents.

THE "CHRISTIAN GENERAL."

Feeling runs high in Japan at the moment on the eve of a general election. But there the Government and the Opposition have no important national issue to quarrel about. Yet events have reached such a pass as to warrant a description by Reuter in the following terms:—"an unedifying spectacle of political espionage and counter-espionage, on an extensive scale engendering much mutual ill-feeling." The Opposition has appointed vigilance committees to watch the Government agents. The Government Party has retaliated by having the Opposition members spied on.

Still, Japan can be thankful that only ill-feeling has been bred and not civil war.

South v. North.

China's principal war is between the Nationalist Government and the Northern Government. In general terms, the former can be said to control the South of China Proper and the latter functions in the North and also in Manchuria, being in power in Peking, the "capital" recognised by foreign Powers. The other divisions which make up the Chinese Republic, namely, Mongolia, Tibet and Sinkiang are of no count because they are inaccessible.

At present it can be said that the Nationalists are the aggressors. They accuse the functionaries of the Peking Government of misgovernment, wholesale corruption, feudalism and of being reactionaries.

Things in Common.

Because the ability or inclination to govern fluctuates daily, it will be unfair to say whether the Northern or Southern Party is the more capable. But one feature is very apparent. The Peking Government has consistently proclaimed to the world that it is definitely against Communism. The Nationalist Government has not been so consistent; but for close on to a year, it has also been strongly anti-Red. Having, therefore, something in common, the North and South might be expected to lay down their arms and come to terms. Furthermore, both the Northern and Southern leaders want tariff autonomy and higher Customs taxes—bringing more revenue in their train—and both sides profess desires to resume foreign concessions and abolish extraterritoriality.

Where Differences Lie.

In policy towards other nations, the North cannot find fault with the South, and vice versa. In domestic politics there are no vital differences. In the struggle for factional power and personal aggrandisement, however, both sides have gone to great pains and will continue to do all they can to bring about the downfall of an opponent.

One of the best illustrations is the present campaign in Hunan province, in the south of Central China, which has widened in scope to an extent to threaten invasion of Kwangtung province, of which Canton is the capital. On one side is a Nationalist force

which once supported Nanking. On the other is an army of several corps which previously kept the Hankow Government in existence.

War Instead of Peace.

The first big split in the Nationalist Party can be attributed to the conflict in views on relationship with Russia. That, I submit, was more by accident than design. Nobody liked or disliked Communism by choice but one either praised the Soviet or denounced it as circumstances arose. (For enhancing one's prestige or obtaining money and munitions).

Hankow was then under Borodin's influence and Nanking opposed him because he was helping the other side. Last summer, however, the rulers at Hankow got rid of the Russian yoke and became pronouncedly anti-Red. Up till then there had only been words but no blows. Both sides were resolutely fighting the Northern columns and, incidentally, making progress. When everybody thought that union would be reached because both sides had become anti-Red, the Hankow army began a march on Nanking.

How the War Spreads.

After reaching within fifty miles of Nanking the Hankow army was pressed back. An expedition from Nanking then captured Hankow. And it is still pursuing the defeated Hankow army in Hunan province.

Meanwhile other issues had arisen in the Nationalist Party. No sooner had the Hankow faction been crushed did the expedition which administered the defeat begin to drift away from Nanking, its starting point. Now this expedition is in sympathy, if not in actual co-operation with the Nationalist faction in Canton, and ranged against the Nationalist faction in control at Nanking and Shanghai. So deeply have the Nationalists floundered in the mire of internal strife that they have had to present the fruits of military victories to a nominal friend.

The "Christian General."

This nominal friend is Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, whose better known name is the "Christian General," has a vague degree of fascination for the Occident and America. He is an example of how Chinese militarists make friends readily with anybody who is not an immediate competitor for power.

When Borodin was expelled from Hankow last year, he went back to Russia by an overland route which took him through the "Christian General's" domains. The "Christian General," it should be noted, was already a member of the Nationalist Party which had thrown Borodin over. He facilitated Borodin's movements, but his Nationalist colleagues did not find fault with him because he was not a rival for power. But if he had stood in their way—and even if he had balked Borodin when he would have been speedily marked down as an enemy.

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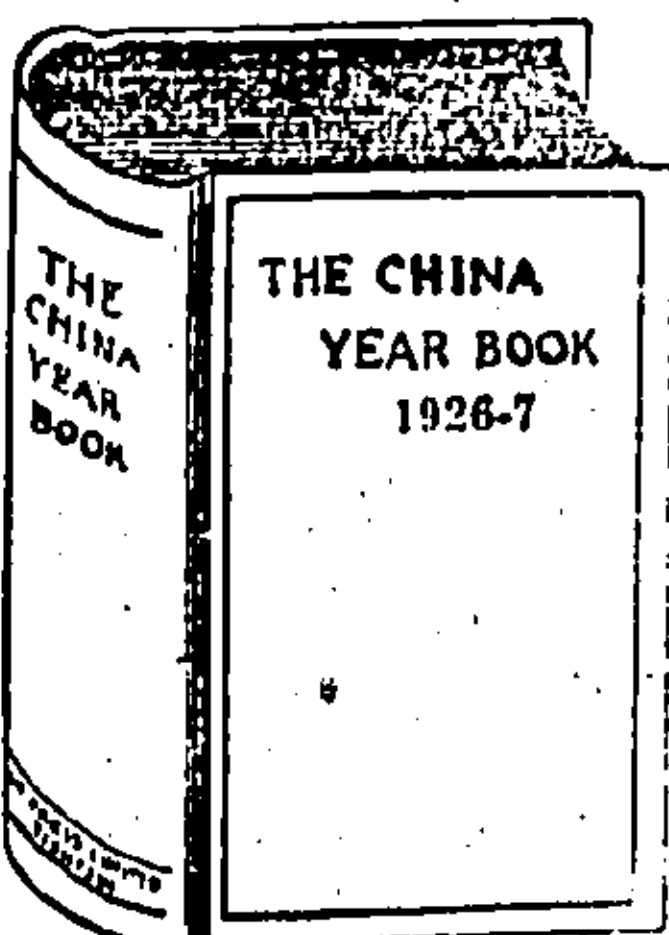
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NOTICES.

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NOTICE.**RACE MEETING, 1928.**

ALL VEHICLES going to the
Races at Wong Nei Chong
will proceed via Queen's Road
East, Morrison Gap Road, Morrison
Hill Road, Leighton Hill Road and
round the Happy Valley via Wong
Nei Chong Road to the entrance
gates up to 8 p.m.

Vehicles will return to town via
Morrison Hill, Wanchai Road and
Praya East.
After 8 p.m. vehicles proceeding
to the Race Course will proceed
via Queen's Road East, Arsenal
Street, Praya East, Percival Street
and Wong Nei Chong Road.
Vehicles returning from the Races
will proceed via Morrison Gap
Road and Queen's Road East.
There will be one way traffic only
in Queen's Road East from Arsenal
Street to the Monument from 11
a.m. to 6.30 p.m. The one way
traffic will run from West to East
from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from
East to West from 3 p.m. to 6.30
p.m. Kennedy Road will be open
to East bound traffic from 11 a.m.
to 3 p.m. and to West bound traffic
from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, 10th February, 1928.

**CYMDEITHAS, DEWI SANT,
HONG KONG.**

(St. David's Society, Hong Kong).

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the
SOCIETY will be held at
Lane Crawford's Restaurant on
THURSDAY, March 1st, at 8 p.m.
Members are requested to notify
the undersigned as soon as possible
of the number of tickets they re-
quire and the names of their
guests.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary.
9, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, Feb. 11, 1928.

G. R.

NOTICE.**HONG KONG WATERWORKS.**

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that
on and after FRIDAY, the 17th
February, 1928, THE SUPPLY OF
WATER TO ALL WHARVES IN
VICTORIA will be turned off, and
will remain CUT OFF while the
present restrictions on the Colony's
Water Supply continue in force.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1928.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will
OPEN for the Transaction of
Public Business, at 9.30 a.m. on
MONDAY, TUESDAY and WED-
NESDAY, the 13th, 14th and 15th
instant, and CLOSE at 12 NOON.
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1928.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that during the absence on
leave of Mr. A. W. VAN ANDEL,
Mr. F. H. J. A. LAFLEUR will act
as Manager.

HOLLAND CHINA TRADING
CO.
Hong Kong, Feb. 9, 1928.

**HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.**

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF
FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES
will be held at VOLUNTEER
HEADQUARTERS on
THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.
ENTRIES will CLOSE at 1 p.m.
on MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.
Schedules may be obtained on
application from the Secretaries, c/o
Bradley & Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1928.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

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**NOTICES.****THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY,
LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the THIRTIETH OR-
DINARY ANNUAL MEETING of
this Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY,
the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30
p.m., for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors to-
gether with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended 31st
December, 1927, and if thought fit
to sanction the payment to the
Directors of the yearly sum of
\$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in
addition to the yearly sum of
\$1,000.00 payable to them under
paragraph 96 of the Company's
Articles of Association as from the
1st January, 1928. The purpose
of this is to make effective the
following resolution passed at the
Annual Meeting of the Company
held on 28th January, 1927:—That
the Directors' remuneration be in-
creased from \$1,000.00 per annum
to \$2,000.00 per annum.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 6th February,
1928 to THURSDAY, the 16th
February, 1928, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
F. H. CRAPNEL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Corporation will
be held at City Hall, Hong Kong,
on SATURDAY, the 25th February,
1928, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court
of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1927.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of
the Corporation will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 13th February
to SATURDAY the 25th February,
1928 (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of
Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

**HONG KONG TRAMWAYS,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY GENERAL MEETING of Hong
Kong Tramways, Limited, will be
held at the offices of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th
day of February, 1928, at 12 o'clock
noon to transact the ordinary busi-
ness of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER
OF MEMBERS of the Company
will be CLOSED from MONDAY,
13th to MONDAY, 27th FEBRU-
ARY, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th February, 1928.

NOTICES.**HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and
ENTRY FORMS for the
FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING
to be held on Saturday, 25th
February, 1928 (weather permit-
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Course, Hong Kong Club, and
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Noon on MONDAY, 20th February,
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Hong Kong, 8th February, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**RACE MEETING, 1928.**

13th, 14th, 15th and 16th
February.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission
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the Extra Race Meetings of this
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Meeting.

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Ladies to the Members' Enclosure
will be \$4 per day. Each member
can obtain upon application to the
Secretary, badges for the admission
of two Ladies free of charge. On
no pretext will children be permit-
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ing through on their duties, but
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Any persons found loitering about
with Servants' Passes in their pos-
session will forfeit the same and
will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

CITY PIGEONS.**TRAPPERS SUCCEED AT
SECOND ATTEMPT.****AT ST. PAUL'S.**

The City of London Pigeon
trappers scored a victory at St.
Paul's recently, over 200 of the
condemned birds, 2,000 of which
the City Corporation have ordered
to be destroyed.

The task was entrusted to Mr.
Dalton, the rat-catcher, who open-
ed his campaign by arriving on the
steps of the cathedral armed with
a wire cage measuring 14 ft. by 6
ft., bags of grain, and a corps of
expert trappers.

The cage was erected, and a
tempting trail of grain was laid to
the entrance. The pigeons enjoyed
the grain immensely, but the cage
they left severely alone. Nothing
the trappers could do would induce
them to go near its entrance, so
after an hour Mr. Dalton called off
his troops.

Mr. Dalton, assisted by many
new trappers, returned to the fray.
This time he employed strategy.
The cage was erected well away
from the pigeons' promenade, and
the ten trappers, each armed with
grain, stood in a friendly line hid-
ding the cage from the unsuspecting
birds.

The grain was scattered, the
pigeons swept down in dozens, and
as they gobbled the trappers backed
towards the cage. After them
walked the pigeons, until before
they realised where they were go-
ing, 200 of them were safely inside
the door of the cage.

"I made up my mind to have
those birds," said Mr. Dalton after
the capture. "There were many
reasons why we did not get them
on our last attempt. The people
about put them off. I never met
more wily birds than these London
pigeons. This time we had St.
Paul's to ourselves, and we were
able to walk them into the cage
quite easily."

POLICE RAID.**"MERRY CHRISTMAS" AT THE
SILVER SLIPPER.**

A seasonable welcome to Christ-
mas at the Silver Slipper Club, in
Regent Street—one of the newest
and most fashionable of the London
dance and supper clubs—was inter-
rupted by a sudden visit from the
police.

Christmas Eve festivities at the
club were continued into the early
hours of Christmas Day, and it was
then that the official "visit of in-
spection" took place.

No regard to seasons is paid in
police procedure. Christmas morn-
ing to the police is the same as
any other morning, when there is
work to be done. Therefore, ar-
rangements were made for inspect-
ing the "Silver Slipper" on Christ-
mas morning.

Evening Dress.
Officers from the "Blue Force"—
that is, the uniform branch of the
police—at Marlborough Street
station were detailed for the task.
They discarded their uniforms for
evening clothes, and set forth in
two taxicabs.

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number whose names are familiar,
were in the club when the police
entered. The inspection was car-

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SHIPPING SECTION.

JURY'S SYMPATHY.
"SAN NAM HOI" INQUEST
VERDICT.
"WILFUL MURDER."

The inquiry into the deaths of Mr. Henry Conway, former Chief Officer of the s.s. "San Nam Hoi," and the two Indian guards who were killed during the recent raid by pirates on board the ship in the West River delta, was concluded in Major C. Willson's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.
The jury returned the following verdict:—
"We find that Henry Conway and the two Indian guards met their deaths as the result of bullet wounds received during an encounter with pirates on board the s.s. "San Nam Hoi" on January 17 during a voyage from Kongmoon.

Defenders Praised.
"We return a verdict of wilful murder against Chiu Kai-shung and other persons unknown."
"We are of the opinion that the Captain had taken all the necessary precautions and that the ship was adequately protected against piracy."
"We are satisfied that the Captain, the late Chief Officer, the Chief Engineer and the Indian guards did their best under the circumstances to protect the ship, and that but for their outstanding bravery the ship would have fallen into the hands of the pirates."
"We extend our sympathy to the families of the late Chief Officer and the Indian guards."
Owners' Views.
The Magistrate said that he agreed with the jury's verdict, and associated himself with their expression of sympathy with the families of those killed.
Mr. M. K. Lo said that he wished also to associate himself and his clients (the owners of the "San

Nam Hoi") with the expression of sympathy, and with the jury's and his Worship's remarks, during the course of the inquiry, on the brave way the officers and guards of the ship met this piratical attack.
[Note: Chiu Kai-shung is one of the former crew who was identified by the compradore.]

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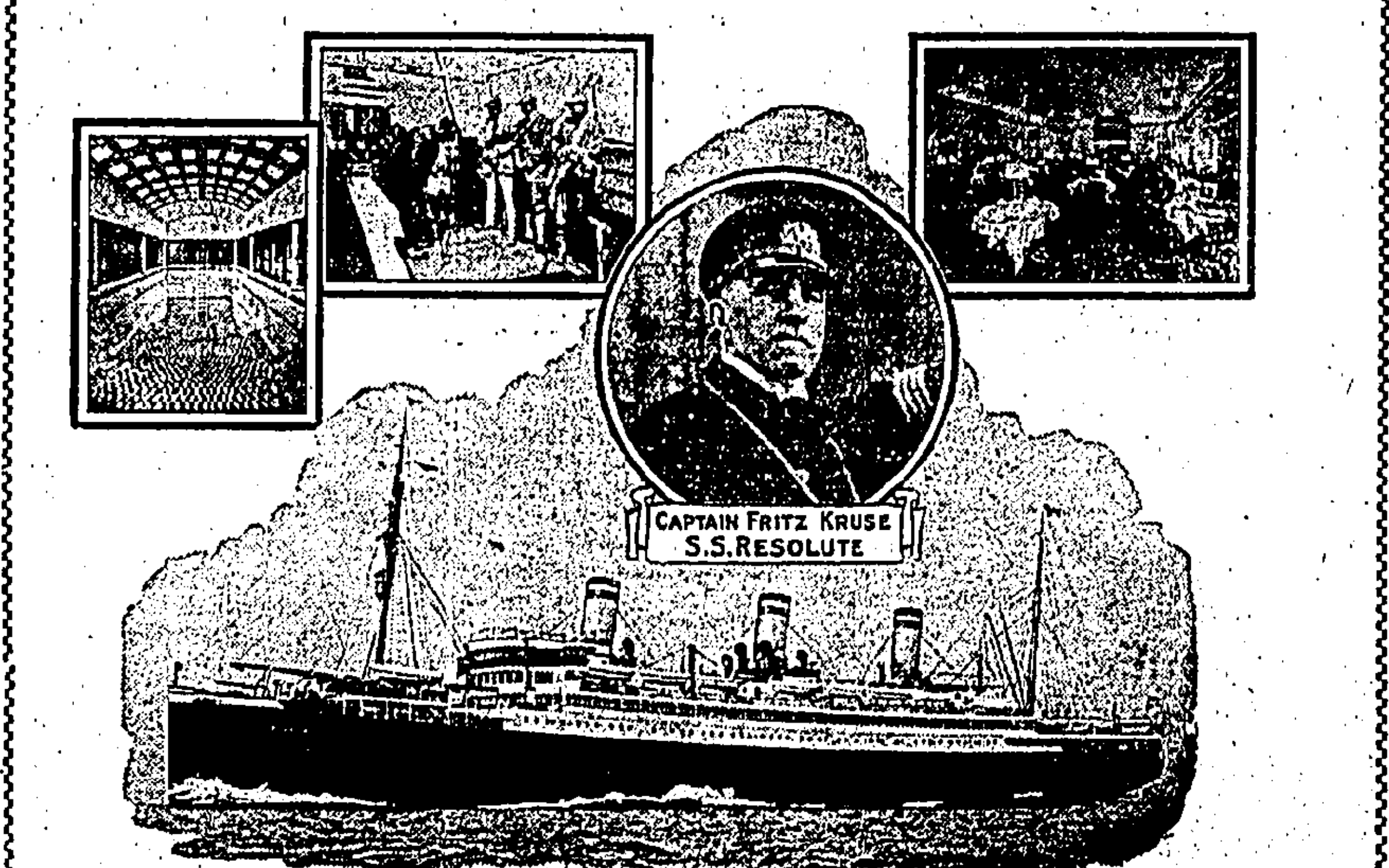
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[Note: "Below Overflow" denotes "Below Overflow".]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.
1927 1928
Tytam 278.72 285.76
Tytam Byewash 59 33
Tytam Intermediate 105.90 105.90
Tytam Tuk 1,121.75 1,225.88
Wong Nei Chung 13.89 13.46
Pokfulam 28.88 28.82
Total 1,688.01 1,445.25
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1927 1928
Consumption 74.89 88.62
Estimated population 158,140 168,180
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KIDDERPORE	5,334	28th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MACDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KALPA	5,273	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,585	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPUR	9,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARNATA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALIAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,513	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
INAGORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,958	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,956	26th May	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOVARA	9,089	16th June	Marseilles & London
MACDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles & London
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POST WAR ADVERSITY ON WANE?

BRITISH EXPORT RETURNS.

(By Robert MacKay.)

While there is much to cause satisfaction in the considerable expansion in British exports revealed in the trade returns for November, not a few persons will probably regard the increased export of new ships as being the most significant advance. As compared with the figures for November, 1926, there was an advance of £1,145,000 in the value of new vessels. It is pertinent to inquire whether this is only a flash-in-the-pan or an indication that the long spell of post-war adversity in this industry is drawing to an end. News items from many sources suggest that the latter is the correct reading of the position.

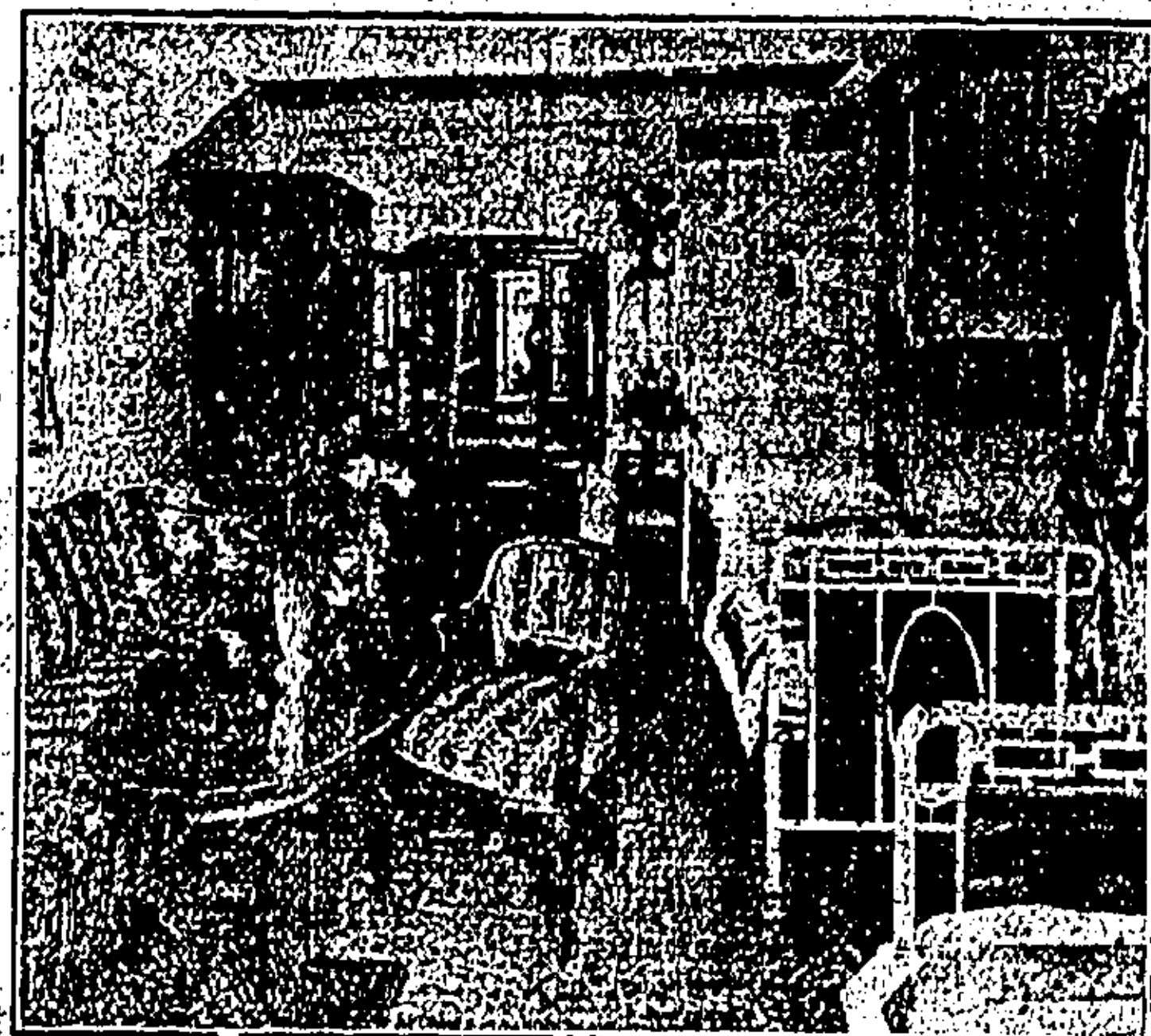
For example, the shipbuilding returns for the Tyne show that the output during the current year has been the highest for six years. Sixty-two vessels, of 330,000 gross tons, have been launched, an increase on last year of 38 vessels and 198,000 tons. Similar scenes of activity have been witnessed on the Clyde and at Belfast, the two other chief centres of British shipbuilding. Thus in one month alone, October, twenty new vessels were launched on the Clyde, and the total number of ships launched on that river during the first ten months of 1927 was 174 of a tonnage of 382,000 tons, a little below the total for the same period in the previous busiest years. This represents an increase of 62 vessels

one of their journeys carried cargo and bunker coals instead of ballast and no longer find that useful and remunerative employment. It may be noted in passing that according to Lloyd's Register there was a world tonnage of tankers in July, 1927, of nearly six millions, as against 1,479,000 tons in 1914.

Another tendency may be remarked in British shipbuilding, that of standardisation. But it is important to note that this does not mean the kind of standardisation with which the public became familiar in the war period. The need then compelled the production of a hastily-constructed, sometimes inelegant, number of ships, all cast, as it were, in the same mould. What is now taking place is the making alike of parts which go in the construction and equipment of ships. Two vessels may be built of standardised parts and yet be themselves wholly separate, individual types.

High Cost of Tonnage.
There is no doubt that an appreciable proportion of the high cost of modern tonnage is due to lack of uniformity in many parts and fittings. Also on the modern large freighter even one day's demurrage is a serious consideration. In the case of a breakdown in a port not well situated for repairs it would be a great convenience to order the necessary part by its factory number. But what the shipbuilding section of the British Engineering standards Committee, which is dealing with the matter, have in mind is the cheapening of construction rather than of maintenance. Nothing in the nature of "assembling" of vessels, like some of the cheaper motor-cars, is intended. The British shipbuilding industry is intensely individualistic and this

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and 77,000 tons over the corresponding period last year.

Freight Market.

Many causes have contributed to this waning activity, not the least being the improved position of the freight market. There has been a steady rise in freights since July last, the index figure advancing from 106.6 to 118.5 in November (1923 average being 100). The last quarterly return collected by the Chamber of Shipping, shows, too, that there has been a substantial reduction in the number of vessels laid up idle at the principal ports of Great Britain and Ireland. There was a reduction here of over 35 per cent as compared with the previous quarter and of over 26 per cent compared with the same quarter last year. It is interesting to note that the whole of the decrease has been in vessels of the larger tonnage. This tendency to employ and to build ships of larger tonnage is now very marked and it is a matter to which we may profitably give consideration.

Tankers, or vessels designed to carry oil in bulk, tend to increase in size. Many of this type of vessel are now being constructed to carry 15,000 tons deadweight and over, and one motor driven tanker has just been launched to load over 21,000 tons. Speeds are also higher for this type of craft, practically the whole of the world's tanker tonnage having a speed of about 11 knots. The present activity in building tanker tonnage throws an interesting sidelight on the problems that confront the coal industries of so many countries. A very large amount of tanker tonnage will be commissioned in the early part of next year, and it is estimated that during 1928 the world's tanker fleet will be augmented to the extent of about 500,000 tons deadweight capacity.

Size of Tankers.
One reason for increasing the size of tankers is that these vessels almost always make one voyage out of every two for ballast. It is therefore desirable that the cargo carried on the one voyage should be as large as possible. The shift from coal to oil as a means of propulsion for marine transport has its influence also in that many British and other vessels which are

characteristic of the industry is a guarantee against anything resembling the dull, dead level of uniformity sometimes associated with standardisation. The move towards standardisation of parts is in the right direction and will be watched with interest.

EASTERN PORTS.

RETURN OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports, for the week ended February 4, reads as follows:—

Plague.
Suez: 5 cases, 3 deaths.
Aden: 54 cases, 39 deaths, infected rats in zone—3.
Bombay: 3 deaths.
Rangoon: 6 deaths.
Colombo: 1 case, 2 infected rats in zone.
Macassar: 1 case.
Cholera.
Batavia: 1 death.
Calcutta: 38 deaths.
Rangoon: 1 death.
Bangkok: 28 cases, 26 deaths.
Small-pox.
Bombay: 10 cases, 7 deaths.
Calcutta: 23 cases, 10 deaths.
Madras: 20 cases, 2 deaths.
Mohammerah: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Negapatnam: 2 cases, 1 death.
Rangoon: 13 deaths.
Vizagapatnam: 5 cases.
Pondicherry: 1 case, 1 death.
Colombo: 1 case.
Singapore: 1 case, 1 death.
Belawan-Deli: 6 cases.
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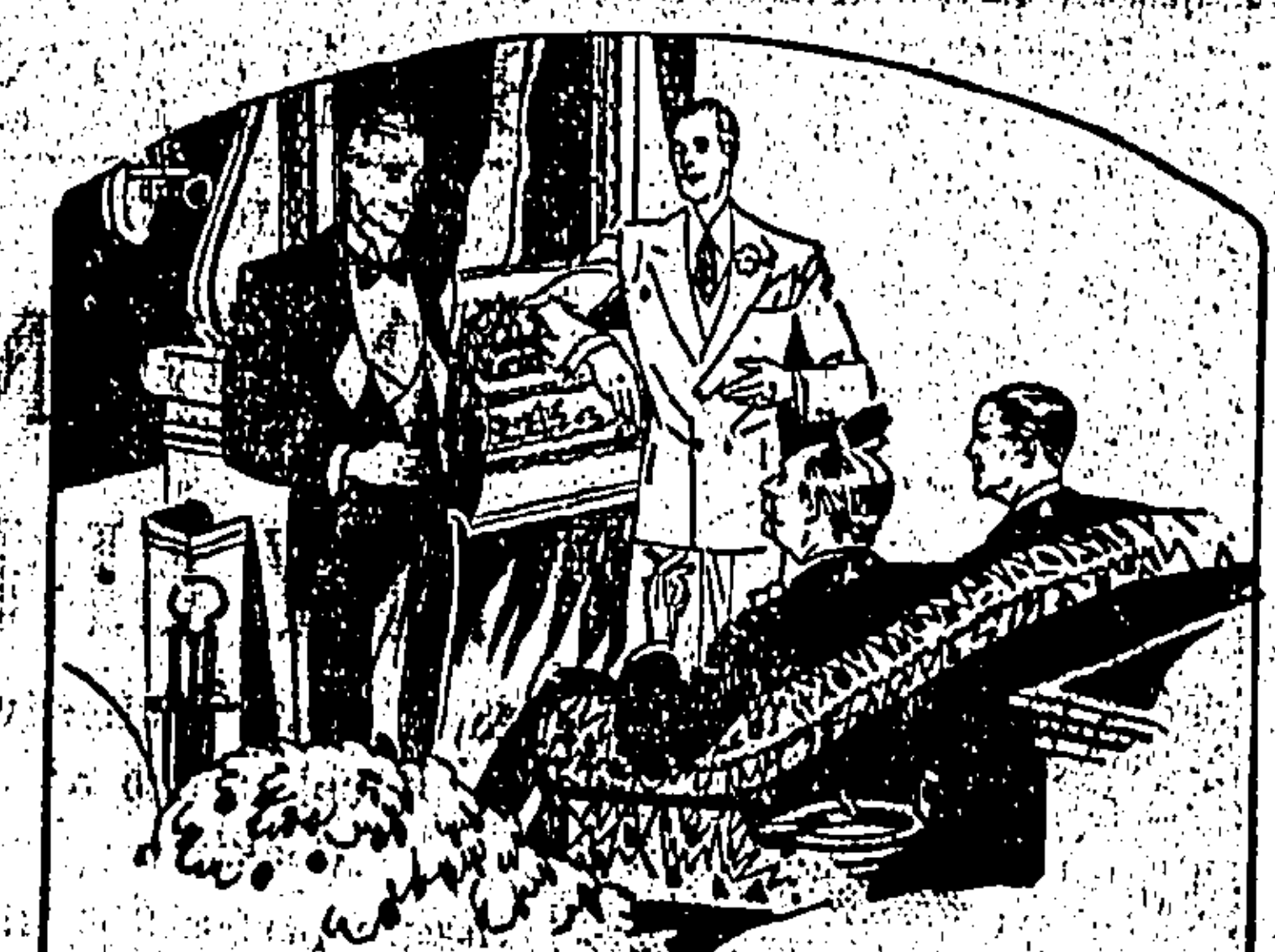
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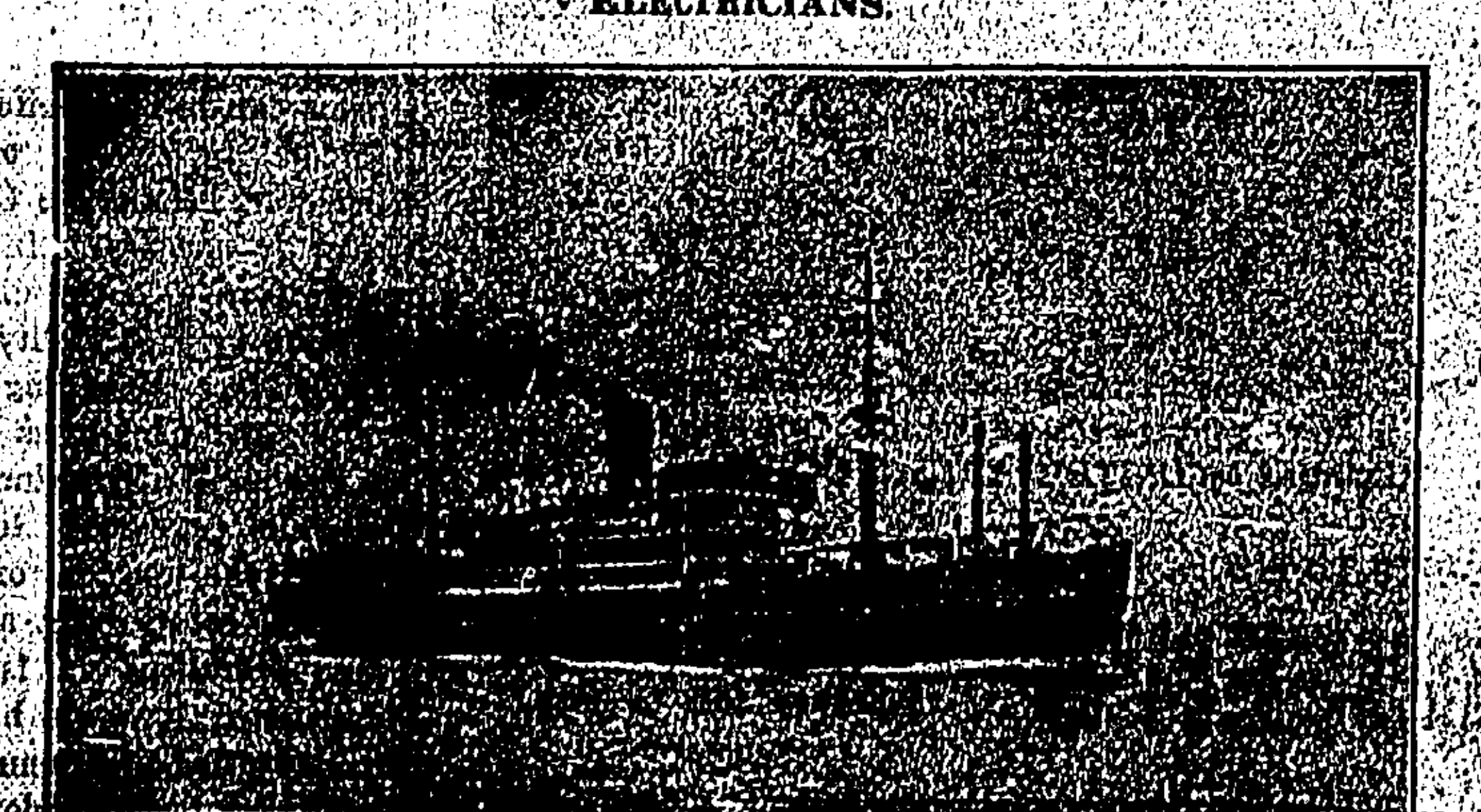
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

In the disturbances in India, which have figured prominently in the news of the week, can be traced the work of Bolshevik agitators. Since their set-back in China they have concentrated on stirring up trouble among Indian students and others, using as their slogans the familiar "down with British Imperialism" and other cries. Much capital has been made out of the non-inclusion of any Indian in the personnel of the Statutory Commission which is visiting India but, having regard to the nature of the Commission's duties, it is obvious that it is eminently more equitable that the Commissioners should be appointed free from previous association with India and that the various opinions of leading Indians can be more effectively enforced by means of evidence tendered before the Commission than by hampering Indian representatives with the difficult task of shewing impartiality and at the same time repressing very natural and dangerous emotions. All that the Statutory Commission is empowered to do is to assess the working of the transitional constitution and to propose alterations if it is considered desirable. It would have been a tragedy had the Commission come, by the inclusion of party or sectarian interests in its representation, the object of contending parties to prove their own nostrums to be efficacious or their criticism of the present scheme to be justified.

The task of the Commission has been rendered more difficult

by the efforts of Bolshevik emissaries to stir up opposition, working on the growing national feeling in India in their attempt to engender hatred of Great Britain. But already there are indications that sober counsels, if not prevailing, are beginning to make themselves felt and that agreement may be possible along generally accepted lines. It must, for instance, be agreed that India's progress and responsibility will continue to depend on her being a component part of the British Empire and that the advance of India to self-government is the goal at which we are aiming. It is common ground that the defence of India involves imperial considerations of a magnitude beyond the competency of any Indian Government to tackle for some time to come and, with reference to the form of government, that the increasing association of Indians in the administration of the country is a pledge which the Government of India must implement.

The findings of the Committee appointed to enquire into the rubber restriction scheme will be awaited with considerable interest not only by those in districts actually concerned in the growing of rubber but by many in Hong Kong and elsewhere who are interested in the welfare of the industry. There has been considerable controversy in the past as to the merit of restriction but whatever its failings—it must be generally agreed that at the period when it was brought into force it greatly benefitted the industry which was suffering severely from over-production. The question now arises as to whether or not it has outlived its purpose and as to whether or not its withdrawal would lead to a healthier condition within the industry. There is always danger that restriction will encourage bad finance and inefficiency at the expense of competency and efficiency and also that limited production at a high figure may restrict not merely output but the increased employment of labour and extension of purchase of other commodities and necessities which that increase inevitably involves.

The question cannot be looked at merely from the point of view of the shareholder who, so long as his dividends can be maintained, has no care for that general spread of employment and consequent benefit of all classes of commerce which come through

the wider distribution of the rewards of labour. If the restriction scheme has outlived its purpose, it must go and the industry be left to stand on its own feet with whatever guarantees may be deemed necessary for insuring stability. Without expressing an opinion either way, it could be fairly argued that restriction of any commodity can only be effective so long as it can prevent the total production of that commodity exceeding the demand. In Ceylon and Malaya the production of rubber has been restricted, but the Dutch East Indies have clearly demonstrated that they can more than supply the amount of rubber withheld from Malaya and Ceylon. If restriction in some form is still to be continued, it would appear then that it must be more international in its application. The alternative appears to be the eventual capture by their rivals of markets formerly enjoyed by Malaya and Ceylon.

THE HOUGHTON CASE.

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Replying to further questions by Mr. Blake, the witness said that the account books of the Chau Hing garage were referred to at the interview.

Mr. Blake: Was there any suggestion that unless the account was settled criminal proceedings would be taken?—No. What I had said was "You will have to settle or the complainant will take proceedings against you."

Mr. Blake asked who the complainant was, and the witness said that he was Chung Kim who was also present at the time.

Asked who made the suggestion to settle, the witness said that the complainant himself said so.

Going back to the afternoon of January 20 when the witness said that he was also present, Mr. Blake asked how long the complainant was in the office on that occasion, and the witness replied that he came in about 3.30 and left at 5 p.m. During the one and a half hours the complainant was there the witness was in the office "doing nothing."

Office Boy Called.
The last witness called by Houghton was Chan Siu-ye, office boy employed at the South China Trade Protection Association.

He said in reply to Houghton that there were only two keys to the office door. Haynes kept one and the witness the other. During the afternoon of January 20 the witness did not part with his key or lock the office door himself. Houghton was not present in the office that afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was a fact that during the past month Houghton always came to the office well after 4 o'clock, generally about 4.15 p.m.

Houghton told the Magistrate that that was all the evidence he had to call, and he had nothing further to say unless his Worship wished to question him.

Mr. Lindsell said that that would be a most irregular proceeding.

Houghton then submitted that it would be seen from the evidence which he had produced that clearly he was not at the office on the afternoon of January 20, and therefore he could not have interviewed Pang Chau and threatened him with criminal proceedings as alleged.

Small Town of Banbury.

In his address to the Magistrate, Mr. Blake said that from the evidence before the Court it appeared that the South China Trade Protection Association of which Houghton is a responsible representative was based upon a similar association formed in Banbury, Australia, of which Mr. Dobbie had given evidence as an authority. Banbury, as everyone knew, was a small town of 2,400 inhabitants some 112 miles from Perth on the coast of Western Australia, and he need not comment further on that.

Proceeding to deal with the prospectus of the association, Mr. Blake pointed out that in the articles of association it was laid out that "for the collection of amounts outstanding for a period under three months, 15 per cent. was charged, amounts outstanding for over three months and under six months were liable to a deduction of 20 per cent. and over that period 25 per cent. It was impossible, Counsel submitted, for the association to have made any arrangements with any solicitor to act for them except on the payment of the proper charges, and as any payment made to a solicitor would have to come out of the 15, 20 or 25 per cent. as the case may be, it was therefore conceivable that the

association would avoid their solicitor as much as possible.

Unpleasant Letters.
Continuing, Counsel said that apparently one of the objects of the association was to write unpleasant letters couched in threatening language, and the reason why the Law Society and all responsible authorities did their utmost to reserve the writing of these letters for responsible persons was to avoid blackmailing.

Counsel then read the letter of January 18, and said that there was no doubt that the letter meant that the recipient was going to be charged with embezzlement and falsification of accounts unless there was a settlement.

Referring to the interview of January 19, which Mr. Blake said was partly interpreted by the man Suen and partly by the witness Chau Song-chi, Counsel said that Pang Chau was told of the irregularity in the accounts and told that he had better pay \$750 and 20 per cent. or criminal proceedings would be taken against him.

Another 20 Per Cent.
In this way the association was going to get 20 per cent. from their client and another 20 per cent. "done out" of Pang Chau.

Commenting on the evidence of Shiu Cheuk-hing, Mr. Blake said that if the man Chang Kim was present as the witness alleged, Counsel would expect him to be called as a witness by the defendant. On the letter, Counsel said that it was clear that the threat did not come from Chang Kim but from the defendant, who must also have said it at the interview.

Referring to the witness for the prosecution who when pressed said that he was not certain that the word "deport" was used, Counsel said that he did not blame the man as every one knew how difficult it was for a man to give exact evidence of what was said in language which was different to his own.

Counsel commented that he had no doubt that there had been a threat to that effect held over Pang Chau.

Magistrate's Views.
Mr. Lindsell started a discussion when he remarked that there was nothing to show that the defendant had "pretended" to be a solicitor.

Mr. Blake said that at Home a man had to "pretend" to be a solicitor to make himself liable, but in the Hong Kong Ordinance a man was liable if he "acted" as a solicitor, and Counsel submitted that in this case the defendant had acted as a solicitor.

Mr. Lindsell said that if there was no pretending then surely, the defendant could not be said to have acted as a solicitor.

Mr. Blake said that by the letters the defendant had acted as a solicitor. Those were not the kind of letters that an auditor or accountant would write. He also pointed out that whereas the letter of the 18th was on stationery of the South China Trade Protection Association and signed "C. M. Houghton, Accountant," the one of January 20 was on paper of C. M. Houghton and Co., and signed "C. M. Houghton, per pro. C. M. Houghton and Co." Counsel pointed out that there was no "Accountant" under the signature in this letter.

A Chinese Name.

Mr. Blake also drew his Worship's attention to the fact that such letters would not be so serious at Home where people could read English, and the letter could be mistaken for a legal letter.

Mr. Lindsell said that there was also the Chinese name on the letter paper.

Mr. Blake said that he would submit with due respect that the Magistrate should not concern himself with that in this case.

Mr. Lindsell said that the letters might be bordering very near on blackmail and even criminal intimidation, but still it could not be said that the defendant had acted as a solicitor.

Referring to the cases quoted by Mr. Blake, Mr. Lindsell said that in some convictions were recorded whilst in others the cases were dismissed on the same set of evidence. The latest case referred to by Mr. Blake, one which was heard in 1924 was dismissed. He (Mr. Lindsell) was against Mr. Blake because he could not see how Counsel could get round the latest case quoted—that of 1924.

Considered Judgment.

However, his Worship said that he was prepared to give the matter further consideration, and in view of the importance of the case both to the Law Society and the defendant's business he would give a considered judgment.

The case was adjourned until noon on Thursday next, February 16.

Mr. Blake asked if in the meantime he came across any further authorities on the matter. He would be given the opportunity to quote them.

Mr. Lindsell replied that he would be glad if Counsel would supply him with references.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

I'm very good at Ludo
And I'm also fond of Darts
I'm pretty good at Billiards
And I'm also fond of Draughts.

At Bagatelle, and Cards as well
I haven't met my match
In games of Chess, and all the rest
I'm best of all the batch.

If you wish to be a man like me
A sportsman bold and true
You've only got to go to bed
And dream, that's what I do.

A certain lady had employed a new gardener.
One morning after breakfast she sauntered out among the flowers, and seeing the new man at work, she remarked—"And how is my Sweet William this morning?"

"Nicely, thanks ma'am," he replied. "But please, missus, how did you know my name was Bill?"

Prospective Customer—"Do you fry fresh fish?"

Merchant—"Yes, mum, we do! You can have fried fresh fish, fresh fried fish, fish fried fresh, fresh fish fried, or fish fried fresh, or—"

Customer—"Thanks, the recommendations all right. I'll take a 'penny middle bit'."

Lady—"You're a big strong chap, why don't you go to work?"

Tramp—"Lady, I'll tell you my trouble. I'm an unhappy medium."

Lady—"Whatever's that?"

Tramp—"Well you see, lady, I'm too heavy for light work and too light for heavy work."

Woman: I won't say she is a liar, but she handles the truth very carefully.

Wife: My husband obeys me in everything, but when there is a stranger about he disobeys me to show that he is not obliged to be obedient.

While two next door neighbours were quarrelling, one suddenly exclaimed—

"Call yourself a woman of sense? Why, you are next door to an idiot!"

Johnnie—"Will you come and sing to us father?"

Father—"Certainly! But why just now?"

Johnnie—"Well, you see, George and I are playing at shipwreck, and we need a foghorn."

Teacher—"Where is the island of Cuba situated?"

Pupil—"I dunno, miss."

Teacher—"Don't you know where your sugar comes from?"

Pupil—"Yes, miss—from the grocer's."

Bachelor: Is there any hot water in your house?

Married Man: "There is, and I'm always in it."

The latest bullet-proof shirt will stop a shot-fired at five paces, according to a recent test. The final test will be made when it is sent to the laundry.

If there is anything a man likes better than a pint of ale, it is two pints.

Wife: "I sincerely believe you never give me a single thought now-a-days."

Husband: "That is where you are wrong. You cooked a veal and ham pie for my supper yesterday, and I lay awake all the night thinking of you."

"Take my advice old chap," said one to the other, "and get married."

"No, thanks! I have a horror of perpetual slavery." "Ah, but if you could find a wife like mine—so gentle, so affectionate, so devoted!"

"Well, then," was the reply, "I'll wait till she's a widow."

"My dear, I am surprised that you should accuse me of being intoxicated last night. Did I not sit up an hour after I got home, smoking and reading?" ask he.

"Yes; and do you know what you were smoking? It was one of my curl-papers."

An advertisement offered to send a recipe for whitening girls' hands in return for one shilling. Those who sent received the following directions.

"Be lenient with me, I have got to father or mother."—Defendant of eighty-five at Police Court.

Counsel in a County Court to a boy: "Were you walking fast?"

Boy: "No, I was going to work."

"I have brought up ten children and would be willing to bring up ten more."—A woman in a County Court.

A Scottish millionaire was once met by a poor man, who proceeded to tell him his woes.

The story was so sad a graphic that the millionaire felt himself affected. As he had never been affected before, he was very moved. With tears in his eyes, he summoned his servant and bade him convey the poor fellow out. He is breaking my heart!

THE PILGRIMS.

SPEAKER ON NAVAL RACE.

A BLOCKADE.

New York, Yesterday. Speaking at the 25th anniversary dinner of the Pilgrims of the United States, Doctor Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, suggested that in order to curb the Anglo-American Race in Naval Armaments the United States Government should inform Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan that if they were obliged as members of the League of Nations or as Locarno signatories to establish a blockade against an aggressor nation the United States would respect the blockade if not directed against a nation of the Western Hemisphere.

Dr. Butler contended that thus special interests, both in Europe and America, would be recognised and huge naval armaments become unnecessary for the delicate and dangerous question of blockade was really behind all big Anglo-American naval discussions of recent years.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW SUBMARINES.

BRITISH BUILDING PROGRAMME.

London, Yesterday. The second group of submarines provided in the five years schedule adopted by Parliament in July, 1925, will be built by Vickers Armstrong, Limited, probably at Barrow, Cammell Laird, Limited, at Birkenhead, and by the Chatham Dockyard.

As the orders have been placed so late in the financial year it is anticipated that the construction will not start before the next financial year which begins in April.

This second group now ordered will be given names beginning with "P" but in other respects will be identical with "O" class, which have approximately 1,345 tons surface displacement.—British Wireless Service.

THE FLYING BOATS.

OFFICIAL LOG OF JOURNEY.

Log IV of the Air Force flying boats which are on their way to the Far East for the section from Fukuoka to Karachi, published by the Air Ministry, shows that 4,334 nautical miles were covered at an average per aircraft of 72 hours 40 minutes.

The aircraft and engines are working very satisfactory and the health of the personnel is good.

Apparently the most difficult part was the eight hours and 30 minutes flight from Alexandria to Ramadi, where low clouds and down currents were encountered in a mountain pass behind Alexandria. Then there was heavy rain and duststorms.—Reuter.

"MERCENARY MARY."

LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESS AT THEATRE ROYAL.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company last night presented the great musical comedy success "Mercenary Mary" to a fair house at the Theatre Royal.

The audience, though rather on the small side, was very appreciative and did not stint their applause.

The music in "Mercenary Mary" is one of the great attractions of this comedy and last night the Orchestra gave of its best to make the happy strains live.

The acting of the principals was all that could be desired. Miss Winifred Dallo, just suited the part of Mary, and her vivaciousness and audacity as well her wit, left nothing to be desired. She was the life of the performance and flung herself body and soul into everything she did. Which kept the audience in a good humour. Playing opposite Miss Dallo was Frank Atkinson, who played the part of Chris, Mary's husband. Mr. Atkinson last night certainly made a bit. He played the part of the fool to perfection without overdoing it in the slightest.

Playing in the other two chief parts, that of June Marlowe the heiress, and her lover "Jerry," Miss Claire Leslie and Mr. William Senior were well placed. They both have good voices and though Miss Leslie's is not very strong it has a charming sweetness of its own. While also dancing of these two players was very good and well executed.

The chorus in Mercenary Mary goes far to either make or mar the show and last night I think that the acting, singing and dancing of the chorus did much to mar the performance, and might have done so if it had not been for the brilliant acting of the principals. The chorus in their sole dances were good, but together collectively they appeared dead and wooden and had no intention of keeping in time; they seemed to look as if they wanted to get the whole thing over as soon as possible.

To-night "Mercenary Mary" will be shown again and the Company certainly deserve a better audience than they obtained last night, as the show on the whole is an extremely good, musical light comedy.—J.C.F.

AMAZING FRAUDS.

JUDGMENT IN KWONG SANG HONG CASE.

\$13,000 CLAIM ALLOWED.

The Kwong Sang-hong firm of local manufacturers and wholesale dealers in perfumery, soaps, etc., succeeded at the Supreme Court this morning in their claim for \$13,215.81 against a former employee who was alleged to have defrauded them over a series of years by presenting bills for freight, five, six and even nine times the amount actually charged by the shipping agents.

This was the case in which His Lordship commented on the trust placed in a man with a small salary handling large amounts and stated that it was amazing that the frauds should have continued for so long without discovery.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for plaintiffs, and defendant did not appear, it being stated that he had fled the Colony.

BELL-IRVING ESTATE

ADMINISTRATOR'S APPEAL DISMISSED.

SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT.

The appeal of the administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Isabella Irving against the decision of the Commissioner, appointed to carry out the provisions of the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1915, was dismissed at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for the appellant and R. Eldon Potter, K.C., for the respondent.

FRENCH ROBIN HOOD

MONTH'S HUNT FOR MAN WHO WAS WRONGED.

Paris, Dec. 26. "Teissier the Tattooed," a modern prototype of Robin Hood, who for nearly a month has been roaming the Forest of Gurey, wriggling out of one trap after another, and making of the countryside, was captured this morning. He was shaving before a broken mirror in the kitchen of a farm labourer who had given him his sanctuary.

The poacher who turned outlaw was so surprised to see the police that he let the razor drop to the floor. A struggle ensued, and Teissier was eventually handcuffed and led away to prison.

Maxime Teissier, poacher and dead shot, heard while in prison at Melun that a gamekeeper named Dorrier had run off with his wife. He broke out of prison and started off for vengeance with a cartridge in each barrel of his gun—one for his wife and the other for his rival.

Duel. Teissier wounded Dorrier in an early morning duel outside the house where the lovers were living, and took to the dense forest. For four weeks he led the life of an outlaw, hunted by hundreds of police. He was watered and fed by the local population, with whose aid he was able to escape the traps laid for him, and bring down ridicule on his pursuers.

So exasperated did the police become that they would enter villages at the dead of night with loaded revolvers, and carrying electric torches, and make the inhabitants turn out of their beds while they searched for the outlaw. A score of times the police were convinced that they had trapped their quarry, but at the last moment he always slipped through their hands, and more often than not he ran away with his laughter ringing in their ears.

NEW SCARE.

AMMUNITION SHORTAGE IN U.S.A. ARMY.

Washington, Dec. 22. A great fight in Congress over the Navy Department's building programme will come when an attempt is made to insert in the Bill a time limit for the construction of the vessels. The Bill, as drafted, contains no limitation. This omission the "Big Navy" men of both Houses say renders the Bill worthless. What they hope for is an appropriation at this session large enough to begin work on the eight 10,000-ton cruisers already authorized, and also to justify preparation of plans for the new cruisers. Then there will be less danger of the work being abandoned.

Opponents of the Department's programme will concentrate their strength on preventing the passage of a large appropriation at this time. It looks as if the "Little Navy" men will lose their fight. For now the Army is declared to be in as perilous a condition as the Navy.

The Secretary of War has reported to the President that he lacks the reserve stocks of arms, ammunition, and equipment to put in the field an army of a million men in any war against a first-class military power; the ammunition would last not more than one hour. To repair the deficiency will require he estimates, the expenditure of \$100,000,000.

CINEMA NOTES.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS AT QUEEN'S.

"THE MAGIC FLAME" SOON.

Douglas Fairbanks' delightful production, "The Gaucho," will be screened at the Queen's Theatre for the last time this evening. "The Gaucho" is a tale of treasure, combat, intrigue and love concerning the adventures of a South American bandit who crosses the Cordilleras with his riders to seize a city grown rich from the offerings of pilgrims to its sacred shrine.

"The Gaucho" presents "Doug" in a role which gives him plenty of opportunity to perform the kind of stunts for which he is famous, and it is altogether a thoroughly entertaining picture. Attention is drawn to the special times for performances announced in the advertisement in this issue.

World and Star. Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are "Blarney" at the World Theatre, and "The Man Upstairs" at the Star Theatre. "Blarney" is a stirring tale of the days when men fought to the death with bare fists. Ronan Adore, star of "The Big Parade," plays the role of a rough Irish lass, and Ralph Graves has the part of the handsome boxer who spurs to success.

"The Man Upstairs" is an exciting story concerning the adventures of a young couple who meet in London via the personal column of a newspaper. The girl demands that the man write her a series of interesting letters. When he invents a murder and is arrested for this imaginary crime the results are both thrilling and amusing. Monte Blue and Dorothy Devore are the leading players.

"The Magic Flame." Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky, who have appeared together in several fine pictures will be seen here again next week. "The Magic Flame." Both of these stars are long ago figured prominently in a popularity contest under the auspices of a New York daily. Miss Banky being acclaimed the most popular screen actress and Mr. Colman one of three favourite actors. The present picture, which was produced by Samuel Goldwyn, is pronounced by some as one of the greatest motion pictures of the year. Perhaps it is not going too far to say that as much pleasure and entertainment is to be derived from "The Magic Flame" as from any picture seen here lately, excepting "Ben-Hur."

IT PAYS!

NEWSPAPER COLUMNS FOR ADVERTISERS.

BIGGER TURNOVER.

"Newspaper advertising will be greater in volume than ever in 1928," said Sir Charles Higham, in an address at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

"Retailers are buying more space than ever in the advertising columns of the newspapers, many of them realising for the first time that this is the cheapest method of profitably increasing turnover."

"The Government has found Press advertising very profitable also. During the last three years that they have advertised the British Industries Fair, it has grown fast—in fact, this year's Fair is nearly twice the size of the Fair four years ago."

"Advertising never paid better than it does to-day. I have broken all records for results from the Press in 1927. Use the Press, there is no medium so good to get results."

SIR JOHN TILLEY.

During their brief stay in Hong Kong, Sir John Tilley, Lady Tilley and Miss Edith Tilley are guests at Government House. The party arrived yesterday by the "Kamo Maru," on their way home, from Japan where Sir John has been British Ambassador since 1926 when he succeeded Sir Charles Elliot (the first Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong University).

Captain A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. to Sir Cecil Clementi met the distinguished travellers.

On Jan. 7, it will be recalled, another daughter of Sir John was married at Tokyo to Captain P. J. Gwyn, 14th Punjab Regt.

Mr. C. Dormer, Counsellor of the Embassy, is Charge d'Affaires at Tokyo during Sir John's six months' holiday.

NOTICE.

The Chinese Club Hong Kong Derby 1928. Members' Cash Sweep.

TICKETS numbered \$195 to \$200 inclusive, which have been purchased by the undersigned have been mislaid or lost. Will the finder please communicate with the undersigned without delay.

LEUNG WING-CHUNG, No. 9, Queen's Road, Central Hong Kong, Feb. 11, 1928.

POLICE "TRAPS."

OFFICIAL MAKES STATEMENT IN COURT.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy yesterday to comment on the case against the Nanking boarding house.

He said that the Police had been criticised for laying traps, but he would like to make it known that the action of the Police was not only actuated by complaints received but also by instructions from higher authorities. He said that if that method were not resorted to, the Police would have to take other measures which would be more objectionable. In that particular case, complaints and reports had been received.

Mr. Lindsell said that when he made his remarks, he had no doubt that the police had acted on receipt of complaints.

COMMUNITY CAROLS.

ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS AT CARDIFF.

Cardiff.—Thousands of people gathered in the heart of Cardiff to take their part in the "Daily Express" Community Singing Concert, held in conjunction with Cymanfa Ffanu, the Carol Festival of the Silent Fellowship.

The spacious King Edward VII. avenue was crowded with people, and as the concert progressed the strains of the beautiful music were borne to the outskirts of the park.

The band of the Welsh Guards, conducted by Captain Andrew Harris, opened the concert with a selection of Welsh airs arranged by Geoffrey. Then came "O come, all ye faithful," "While shepherds watched their flocks by night," sung by the community at large, under the leadership of Mr. T. P. Ratcliff.

"All Through the Night," the famous Welsh air of great popularity, was sung with restraint. Then came the delightful "Shepherd's Hey" played by the band of the Welsh Guards.

Lord's Mayor's Message. Mr. E. R. Appleton, the director of the Cardiff Broadcasting Station and the creator of the Silent Fellowship, then stepped on the platform and read a short message of good will from the Lord Mayor of Cardiff.

The Lord Mayor welcomed community singing, and on behalf of the citizens of Cardiff expressed a wish that many thousands of unseen hearers would enjoy a new era of prosperity. "The people of Cardiff send out their good wishes to all," he said.

The second half of the concert was a triumph, and the vast gathering joined heartily in the rendering of the tune "Heavenly Father," and the carol "Earth To-day Rejoices."

It was the well-known "Gwyn Rhedeg," however, so popular in Welsh mining districts to the words "Glide me, oh, thou Great Jehovah," that captured the spirit of the whole crowd. Again and again they sang it, and the strains of the music were heard far away in the suburbs of Cardiff.

The Welsh National Anthem concluded the performance.

FISH THAT ANGLE.

QUEER CREATURES OF THE OCEAN'S DEPTHS.

The British Museum authorities (Natural History Department, South Kensington) have issued another excellent series of picture postcards. They illustrate the strange oceanic fish, the angler. One or two living specimens of similar fish have been seen at the London Zoo. These oceanic anglers are not easily obtained, however. Some live at a depth of half a mile to a mile.

Rods and Lines. Lovers of nature will revel in these photographs of the rare curiosities to be seen at the museum. They appear to be fearsome creatures, many of them with long rods and lines. Some of the lines are baited with appendages that, when floating in the water, are understood to assume the natural movements of the small fishes. When the prey "bites" the angler with a quick jerk of the jaw soon has the victim inside out of the wet.

Angler fishes are of all sizes, from a few inches to three feet and more in length.

A characteristic of one species is that the female is the worker and entire provider for her husband as well as herself and family.

"Hanger On." When a young male angler fish of this particular kind goes courting he finds a bride whom he never leaves. He seizes her with his mouth and becomes a "hanger on" for the rest of his life. Gradually his lips fuse to the skin of the female, and by and by the two are really "one" till death.

The angler fish husband generally behaves himself, goes where he is taken, and gets what he is allowed. He knows better than to resist, for the wife is infinitely the larger and more powerful. In fact, a lady angler was once caught 3 1/2 inches in length with a husband only 4 lines attached. In brief, she was a thousand times his size.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Banvard Musical Comedy Company presents "Mercenary Mary," Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9.15 p.m. Matinee at 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Gaucho."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Man Upstairs."

To-day—World Theatre; "Blarney."

To-day—Concert and dance, Elliot Hall, H.K. University, 8 p.m.

February 12-13—World Theatre; "Barbara Franchise."

February 12-14—Queen's Theatre; "Two Arabian Knights."

February 14-15—Star Theatre; "He Who Gets Slapped."

February 14-15—World Theatre; "Fascinating Youth."

February 15-18—Queen's Theatre; "The Magic Flame."

February 16-18—Star Theatre; "The Gods."

February 16-18—World Theatre; "Yolanda."

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

February 12—Monthly spoon shoot of No. 2 Platoon (H.K.V.D.C.) Rifle Club, Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

February 13, 14, 15, 18—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

Lammer's Auction.

February 10—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, a valuable Collection of Postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

February 16—Thirtieth annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

February 18—Ninth Ordinary Meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3.30 p.m.

February 21—General Meeting of the Royal Artillery Association, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

February 25—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

Miscellaneous.

February 17—Annual dinner of St. Peter's Young Men's Club at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

February 23—Annual Show of flowers and vegetables at Volunteer Headquarters.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

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THE UNDERSIGNED having been placed on the list of Authorised Architects on his recent return to the Colony, has started a Practice and has opened an office, for the present, in the China Building (6th floor), Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

J. S. GIBSON, Architect & Surveyor. Hong Kong, Feb. 4, 1928.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The annual meeting of St. Peter's Church, West Point, will be held after the morning service tomorrow (Sunday).

The Smoking Concert of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Hong Kong, has been unavoidably postponed.

Unless cause is shown to the contrary, the Prosperity Trading Co., Ltd. will be struck off the companies' register at the end of three months.

Sir Frederick Lugard, former Governor of Hong Kong, on whom a Barony has been conferred in the New Year honours, will take the title of Lord Lugard.

Members of St. David's Society, Hong Kong, who wish to attend or bring friends to the annual dinner at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant on March 1 should refer to an announcement on page 3.

Lord Gort, V.C., who recently showed his gallantry in the trouble in China, is now staying at Suvretta House at St. Moritz. He tried to cross the skating-junk on skis. Naturally he took a hard toss, but arose with a smile.

The funeral of Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Holland, formerly Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich took place at Shooter's Hill Cemetery, S. E., three Flanders poppies being dropped on to the coffin after it had been lowered into the grave.

The Earl of Craven was summoned at Burnstable Police Court for leaving a car without lights at night at Framington. Police-constable Abrahams said he found the Earl of Craven in the Plough Inn. The earl said: "You are not going to haul me up for this. Come inside and have a quick one." He refused the invitation.

Mr. A. Grant-Mackie arrived in Penang from London by the "Glenapp".

The next Criminal Sessions will be held in the Supreme Court on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m.

General Hsiung Shih-hwei, Garrison Commander of Shanghai and Woosung, left Shanghai for Nan-king.

Captain John Harold Mander, Chief Constable of Norfolk since 1915, died at Norwich from heart trouble, aged 58.

Sarah Elston, aged 69, a widow, died in St. Mary's Church, Whittlesey, near Peterborough, during a service.

Dr. (Mrs.) A. L. J. Dovey, M.B., B.S. (Edinburgh) has been permitted to practice medicine in this Colony.

No case of notifiable disease in the Colony was reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Thursday.

The name of Paul S. Woo, of Loyola University, New Orleans, has been added to the local Dental Register.

The appointment of Dr. G. W. Pope to be Medical Officer of Health, Hong Kong, with effect from Feb. 1, 1928, is announced in the "Gazette."

Dr. S. W. Tso, L.D.S., is to present the prizes at the Tutorial Institute of Hong Kong on Feb. 14 Bonham Road. A concert will be at 7.30 p.m. in the Hop Yee Hall, paid of the proceedings.

Lt.-Col. F. Hodson, Mr. B. C. Guy, Mr. Kwan Wai-hung, Mr. E. H. Schultz, Dr. H. Pittoneyer, Mr. A. H. Roach and Mr. A. J. B. Nicholson were on the N.Y.K. "Kamo Maru" which arrived here yesterday from Japan and Shanghai.

New York, Feb. 10.—Miss Margaret Kahn and Mr. John Barry Ryan were married quietly yesterday—R.A.S. [The bride is the daughter of a well-known New York financier. The groom is a New York newspaper reporter who is closely related to another well-known financier.]

London, Feb. 10.—The death is announced of "Little Tich," the comedian.—Reuter. [During the last 25 years he was one of the best known laughter-makers of the British music-halls. "Little Tich" specialised in "big-foot dancing," balancing himself on his toes and performing all sorts of clever and amusing antics.]

The water return of level and storage of water on February 1 shows that reservoirs are below the level of last year, there being 1,227.84 million gallons in store in Hong Kong as compared with 1,403.71 million gallons last year. In Kowloon, the storage is up, the amount being 402 million gallons as compared with 346.10.



President Jose Maria Chacon, President of Guatemala.

Mr. John Lort-Williams has been appointed Puisse Judge of the Calcutta High Court in succession to Sir William Ewart Greaves.

Princess Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Scots, unveiled a war memorial in the new Presbyterian Garrison Church of St. Andrew's, Aldershot.

Lady Maud Hoare, wife of Sir Samuel Hoare, Minister for Air, opened Foresta's Drive, a new road costing £50,000, near Croydon aerodrome recently.

Major-General Sir John Duncan and Gen. Chang Ting-fan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, exchanged autographed portraits, says the "Sinwampao."

Mr. T. P. Givens, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Shanghai, in charge of the Political Division, leaves on home leave. Det.-Insp. Yorke will have charge during his absence.

General Chiang Kai-shek has appointed General Chu Shao-lang as the Chief of Staff connected with the Nationalist General's Headquarters.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Thomas Landale Christie, banker, No. 6, Tregunter Mansions, May Road, to Miss Joan Isabel Margaret Mitchell, No. 6, Granville Road, Kowloon.

Commander Malcolm Spreckley, R.N., was married to Miss Joanna Allen at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on January 11. Commander Spreckley, who has only just arrived from China, was on the "Frobisher," the Admiral's flagship.

In Shanghai police orders, it is noted that Det.-Inspector Conduit, formerly in charge of the Louza Station detectives, has been appointed Acting Superintendent in charge of "A" Division, vice Superintendent J. Burnside, who leaves for home. Det.-Inspector Quinlan assuming charge at Louza and Det.-Sub-Inspector Henry relieving him. Det.-Sergts. Gash and Pike are transferred to Sinza and Louza, respectively, from Central, while Det.-Sergt. Widdowson and Sergt. Barton will take up duty at Central. Numerous other changes, which it is believed will act for better crime detection, also are announced.

The Nationalist Government has telegraphed to Gen. Chang Ting-fan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, stating that it cannot accept his resignation and ordering him to continue in office. Gen. Chiang Kai-shek also has wired to Gen. Chang urging him to reconsider his decision and to withdraw his letter. Gen. Chiang says that the mayor has done so much in connection with local municipal improvements, maintaining peace and order locally, and strengthening the friendly relations between foreigners and Chinese in Shanghai that it is impossible for the Government to entertain his petition to be allowed to resign. The Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and Chinese Chambers of Commerce likewise have appealed to Gen. Chiang to remain in office.



Charles S. Gheen, who represents Illinois in the Upper House at Washington.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1123, comprising 2,537 square feet Road and Nam Chang Street, at the junction of Cheung-sha-wan Shamshui, will be offered for sale by auction at the Public Works Department at 3 p.m. on Feb. 27.

Notice is given in the "Government Gazette" that it is proposed to order the closing, permanently, of that section of Oak Street, north of Fuk Tsin Street; that section of Pine Street, north of Fuk Tsin Street; that section of Junk Street between Beach Street and Oak Street; all in Tai-kok-tsu.

The King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 16 of 1927 (to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911); and Ordinance No. 18 of 1927 (to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator-General in Hong Kong of the English Assistance of the Jesuit Order).

Estate in Hong Kong valued at \$230,000 has been left by Mr. Chas. McCaslin, an American citizen, late of Shanghai, who died at Tai-tai on August 28, 1927. An estate has also been left in Shanghai. Letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to Mr. W. B. L. Shaw, solicitor, the attorney of Mr. E. H. Dunning, the executor of the testator. Two-thirds of the property is left to the widow and one-third to his sister.

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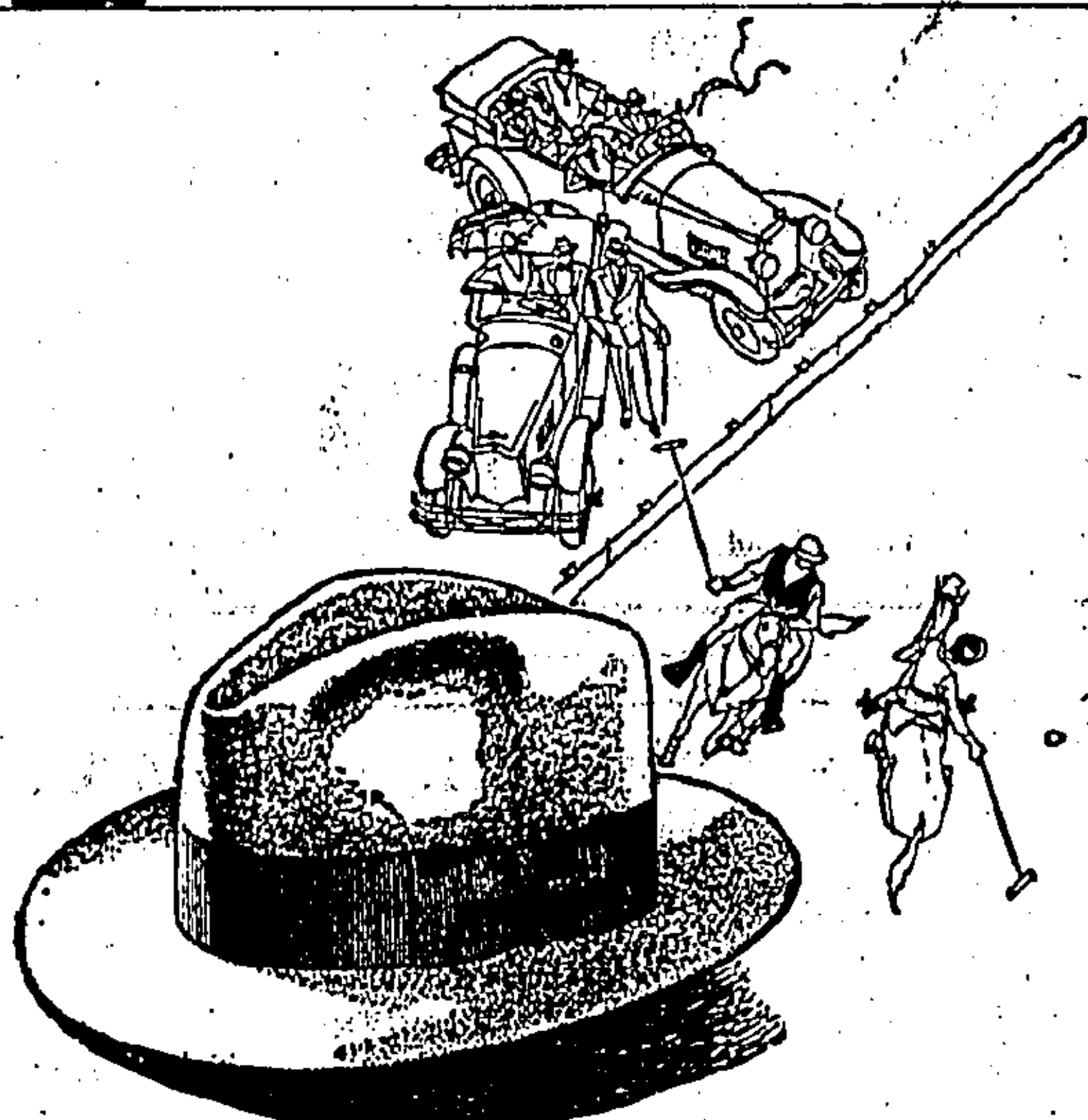
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SPORTS

WEEK OF RACING.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC.

BEST TIMES TO GO DOWN.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club's annual race meeting will be held next week with racing on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Eleven events are down for decision each day. The first race is at 12 noon (preceded by the saddling bell at 11.30 a.m.). The next three follow at intervals of about half an hour, so that tillin will be taken around 1.45 p.m. The first race of the afternoon is run at about 2.30 p.m. (preceded by a saddling bell at 2.10 p.m.) and the others follow at intervals of thirty minutes, so that a day's racing ought to be over before 6 p.m. at the latest. From the foregoing it will be seen that, if one cannot get down to Happy Valley before 12 noon, it will be of little use leaving town, say, at 1.15 p.m. as there will be an interval before the fifth race, but racing is continuous from then.

Facts Worth Knowing.

On the first day, interest is centred in the form of the Derby candidates and the attempts of "old" ponies to qualify for the Champions. The Derby is the third race on the second day and will be run about one o'clock. The Champions is the eighth race on the third day, run about 4 p.m. It should be noted that the cash sweeps, sold on the course, for these two races, are usually drawn much earlier, so that purchase should not be left till too late. Tickets on these two events are at \$10 each; the others at \$5. Pari-mutuel tickets are at \$3 and a bookmaker is likely to be on duty outside the enclosure. The catering is in the capable hands of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. Admission rates to the enclosure are stated in an advertisement on page 3; and there are a few smaller stands outside. By tram, it is safest to alight half an hour to get down from town; and by motor, from 10 to 15 minutes.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

Starting times to-morrow at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Fanling course are as follows:—

9.24 a.m.	L. C. P. Rees, C.
	Thwaites.
9.28	S. A. Arthur, E. C.
	Frederick.
9.32	T. L. Christie, D.
	Forbes.
9.36	T. D. E. Pendered, W.
	Ironsides.
9.40	C. Young, J. H. Little.
9.44	C. W. Jeffries, A. O.
	Brann.
9.48	C. L. Sandes, S. T.
	Butlin.
9.52	W. D. Brown, A.
	Sommerfeldt.
9.56	A. R. Cox, W. K. Tait.
10.00	A. E. Lissaman, F. A.
	Redmond.
10.04	H. Rogers, F. G. Fowle.
10.08	Capt. Erskine, H. G.
	Sheldon.
10.12	J. P. Sherry, J. K.
	Dykes.
10.16	G. C. Moxon, E. R.
	Hallifax.
10.20	D. G. Bruce, J. W.
	Robertson.
10.24	M. M. Maas, H. Spicer.
10.28	Capt. Ashby, J. E. Haig.
10.32	H. D. Brown, I. E. L.
	MacKay.
10.36	W. A. Butterfield, T.
	Low.
10.40	A. J. Frank, F. M. Ellis.
10.44	M. H. Ivy, A. Piercy.
10.48	X. Lloyd, X. Whittall.
10.52	M. G. Mills, F. H.
	Swayne.
10.56	I. H. Geare, L. R.
	Andrews.
11.00	E. Davidson, G. David-
	son.
11.04	J. Coulthart, E. G.
	Ellans.
11.08	A. Leach, N. K. Little.
	John.
11.12	T. J. Draper, R. Sanger.
11.16	D. J. Valentia, W. K.
	Duncombe.
11.20	D. M. Goodall, J. H.
	Bottomley.
11.24	L. Yates, W. M. Lyons.
11.28	H. F. Bloxham, A. B.
	Raworth.
11.32	J. Cameron, N. H.
	Proctor.
11.36	C. J. Waddell, A. Nicol.
11.40	A. B. Purves, C. C.
	Stark.
11.44	E. D. Evans, D. J.
	Gilmore.
11.48	R. Stewart, E. C.
	Stratford.
11.52	R. P. Moodie, M. Hoare.
11.56	B. B. Anthony, Capt.
	Enoch.
12.00	R. Gordon, A. D. Crabbe.
12.04	R. D. Cromartie, H.
	Gravers.
12.08	R. M. Finlayson, Capt.
	Drysdale.

RACING JUDGE.

REVERSION TO JOCKEY CLUB DEPUTY.

BIG CONTROVERSY.

Mr. Malcolm E. Hancock has been appointed judge to the Jockey Club in place of Mr. C. A. Robinson, who reverts to the position of deputy-judge. The position of Jockey Club judge carries with it the judging at Newmarket, and he also officiates at Epsom, Ascot and Goodwood. It has been held for the last four years by Mr. Robinson, who succeeded his uncle, the late Mr. C. E. Robinson, when the latter retired. Mr. C. E. Robinson officiated for nearly half a century, his predecessor being his father-in-law, Mr. Clarke, so hitherto it has been a family affair.

Mr. C. A. Robinson's short spell of office will be remembered chiefly on account of the controversy which followed this year's Cambridgehire. There was a particularly close finish between the four leading horses, and Mr. Robinson gave as his decision that Medal and Nantico had been dead-heated for first place, with Insight II. a length away third.

There was hot discussion as to this decision, and while the matter was still the subject of much argument Mr. Robinson authorised a correction in his original verdict from a "length" to a "neck" between the dead-heaters and the third.

His explanation was that in error he had written "a length" instead of "a neck" on the slip he had sent to the number-board man. The position of judge is a difficult one, as anyone acquainted with racing well knows, and there are bound to be occasions when the judge's verdict does not meet with general approval. Such incidents, however, should be of very rare occurrence.

HOUND RACING.

WOMEN'S PART IN "A GAMBLING ORGY."

Opposition to greyhound racing wherever new courses are proposed is growing, and more and more public bodies are taking a definite stand against extension of the new sport because of the gambling facilities it brings in its train.

Many authorities, including those of Newcastle, Swansea, Ramsgate, Rochdale, and Luton, have decided not to allow property under their control to be devoted to this purpose.

The London County Council, the City Corporation, and the Penge Urban Council have passed resolutions protesting against the proposal to allow dog racing at the Crystal Palace. Protests have been made by local councils against proposed tracks at Twickenham, Teddington, Edgware, and Alexandra Palace. The principal ground of objection is that greyhound racing encourages and provides facilities for betting by people who can ill afford it. Women, it is held, have been particularly responsive to the glamour of the unrestricted gambling at the dog racing tracks. The Government of New South Wales has prohibited betting at dog races, the Spanish Government has refused a licence for a greyhound racecourse in Madrid, and the Transvaal Provincial Council has refused all applications for greyhound racing licences.

CHESS TOURNEY.

COLONY'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

C. Choa and H. W. Randall lead in the Colony's chess championship tournament conducted by the Kowloon Chess Club. Each has 3 points for 4 games. The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock is third with 2 points for 2 games. C. M. Sequin (holder, 1925 and 1927) is sixth with 1½ points for 2 games.

Two games were played on Thursday. Choa suffered his first defeat at the hands of Randall and these two now share first place as Randall beat S. G. Kumble yesterday. A. W. Hawker beat J. S. Smith on Thursday and C. E. Wong beat J. C. Faers yesterday.

YACHT CLUB.

RACES TO BE HELD THIS WEEK-END.

The programme of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for this week-end is as under:— To-day—8th championship race for the racing yachts. Course: Stonecutters Island (starboard); distance—9 miles. To-morrow (Sunday)—re-sail of 3rd championship race for cruisers. Course: Cheung Chau Island (port); distance 25 miles.

VARSITY HOCKEY.

The following will represent the University in a hockey match v. Royal Navy at King's Park on Monday at 3 p.m. at King's Park:—F. L. Tan, A. A. Rumball, M. B. Osmann, C. L. Lim, K. T. Loke (captain), F. L. Zimmerman, C. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gan, C. W. Lam, Y. C. Teh, V. Enok.

TENNIS BALLS.

HOME L.T. ASSOCIATION'S DECISION.

MANUFACTURERS OBJECT.

The much-abused Lawn Tennis Association, which has some £30,000—for the most part collected from the playing public—stacked away for a rainy day, has accomplished one thing for which, if all works out according to plan, the public may one day rise up and call it blessed. This is in the matter of the price of lawn tennis balls, which many people have for long considered far too high.

The Lawn Tennis Association announced that it was asking manufacturers to tender for a ball which could be sold at 16s. 6d. per dozen as against the 21s. per dozen which now generally rules. One of the conditions was that the ball must be absolutely unmarked, save for the device "L.T.A. Official" on it.

Kicked Furiously.

The four biggest firms kicked furiously against this condition on the ground that, if they accepted it, all their goodwill in their ball would vanish. The L.T.A. was adamant, however, and the "big four" declined to tender. The L.T.A. expected at least four firms to come into the scheme but, in the event, only one—and that, hardly known to the public—actually tendered, and it is rumoured that this firm is more than a little embarrassed by its magnificent attitude, but is resolved to go through with it. The "big four," sulking in their tents, are anything but happy about the outcome, but keep their courage up by asserting loudly that the scheme will never really mature. They say that they can and do supply a ball at the price, but of an inferior quality.

A Monopoly?

This ball, they assert, would pass all the Lawn Tennis Association tests, but, in the matter of durability, is not in the same class as the more expensive ball, so that the public, though paying less at the time, will pay considerably more in the long run. This, of course, remains to be seen, but the net result of the Lawn Tennis Association's action up to the moment is that a very little-known firm will be awarded what will largely amount to a monopoly. It is true that the Lawn Tennis Association can "command" a particular ball for meetings that it promotes itself, but there are only two of these—the Hard Court Championships and the Junior Championships. Other tournaments can have whatever ball they like, and will possibly stick to one of those made by the "big four."

Extermination!

The loss by Mr. Jones of the United States Open Championship at Oakmont led to a fierce discussion as to whether deeply-ranked sand furrows in bunkers in which the ball became buried, were a fair form of hazard. My own opinion is that they are not, for the reason that a player is prevented from using his skill in the playing of the all-important chip shot. In such circumstances there is nothing for it but to play the coarser "explosion shot and trust to a merciful Providence. By winning the American amateur championship, Mr. Jones destroyed once and for all the belief that he is purely a stroke player, without the necessary temperament for the hand-to-hand combat with the visible foe. Mr. Jones's successes have been so many, and of so spectacular a character that I cannot

refrain from mentioning the biggest defeat of his career. This was the 72-holes match with Hagen, of which Mr. Jones himself says: "Of all the workman-like washings-up I have ever experienced, this was far and away the most complete." Hagen exterminated me by 12 and 11."

Hagen comes second on the list and Mitchell third, not because I think that the American is the better player shot for shot, but because he can rise to the big occasion, where courage and supreme determination are of such great import as no other man can. The winning of the Western Open in a score of 281, or seven under 4's, and the capture of the American professional championship for the fourth year in succession, were two wonderful feats, entitling Hagen to the place next to Mr. Jones. If the number of successes alone were taken into account, then Farrell would be rated higher than Hagen. Farrell has completed an extraordinary year, having won eight out of ten State and territorial championships, in which all the leading American players competed.

One Shot.

His position is due entirely to the exploitation of one shot—the chip, which can properly be described as the "great economist of golf." In regarding the chip shot just off the edge of the green as nothing more than an approach putt, which should finish reasonably close to the hole, Farrell has saved a regiment of strokes. Concentration on the chip is of far more material value than concentration on the lengthening of one's drive. A drive of 300 yards may produce in the striker a feeling of ecstatic joy, but the man who constantly chips dead is the one who collects the half-crowns.

To enumerate all the achievements of the men who have found places among the ten is likely to prove wearisome, but mention may be made of Armour's epic shot at the eighteenth hole at Oakmont, in the United States championship, which enabled him to tie with Cooper and to win on the play-off. Armour, needing a 3 for the tie, was faced with a difficult iron shot of 180 yards on to a fiendishly guarded green, a shot, because of the tremendous issues involved, demanding superb skill and an unshaken nerve. Armour, having placed the ball five yards from the hole, was then confronted with a nasty, early, sideways putt. Down went the ball, while the spectacled, studious-looking young man, Cooper, stood watching as if in a dream. He saw the splendid edifice which he had conjured up in his mind, come toppling at his feet. —George W. Greenmore in "Daily Telegraph."

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

An "American" lawn tennis tournament, mixed doubles, for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club will be held on Saturday, March 3. Competitors are to enter in pairs. Play will commence at 2.30 p.m.

Players must provide their own balls. The entrance fee is \$1 per player, entries closing on Wednesday, Feb. 29 to the Hon. Secretary or No. 1 "Boy" at the Club.

Andrew Wilson, the Chelsea forward, is still regarded as a master in tactics on the football field.

Manchester United's profit of \$4,406 of the past season showed a big fall from the previous year.

FINE "SQUASH."

PRINCE BEATS FAMOUS NAVY PLAYER.

A SEMI-FINALIST.

The Prince of Wales defeated the old Rugby international half-back, Lieut.-Cdr. C. A. Kershaw, in the second round of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Squash Racquets Championship (Home) at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, S.W., by 7-9, 9-2, 8-10, 9-7, 9-5, and thus qualified for the semi-final round.

He played the most delicate "squash" he has ever played, and delighted the gallery by several examples of that most difficult and tricky stroke—the drop.

The Prince is undoubtedly a greatly improved squash racquet player, but he would be still better if he were to abandon his curious grip when he plays on the back-hand.

The Prince's Grip.

This is the same as used by Australian lawn tennis players—that is to say, though the grip is very slightly shifted as compared with the forehand, the ball is hit with the same face of the racquet. Consequently the elbow is elevated considerably above the wrist and the freedom of the swing is cramped.

Kershaw played in the old Rugby football shirt with the Race of England on the left breast, and the Prince "knocked up" in a sweater with the Guards' colours—a curious choice in a naval event—but soon discarded this and was seen to be wearing an emerald green jersey.

Exciting Rallies.

There were many long and exciting rallies in a match which was close enough to be interesting throughout. Kershaw won the first game, after the Prince had led 4-0 and 7-5.

With a run of four the Prince again led 4-0 in the second game, and won it easily in four hands. The Prince was game-ball—5 in the third game, and then Kershaw made the longest run of the match, his next hand taking him to 2-0 in the fourth game.

Kershaw was 7-5 in this game, when the Prince got in with the best drop either player had made up to then, and he went out in the ensuing hand.

When Kershaw reached 5-1 in the final game it looked all over, but the Prince got in, and a great run of five, in which he made some really fine shots, took him to 6-5.

Hit In The Back.

At this point Kershaw, playing from the back of the court, hit the Prince full in the back with the ball. Under the rules, this counted against the Prince, who, recalling the old rule, offered his opponent a "let." The marker, however, ruled against the Prince. Kershaw did not score in his hand, and the Prince ran out the winner in his next.

I. A. R. Peebles is the first old Glasgow Academy pupil to play for England in Test cricket.

Against the Cricket League on Tuesday, at 2 p.m., on the H.K.C.C. ground, the H.K. Volunteer Defence Corps team will be—E. C. Fincher, A. W. Hayward, S. Jex, F. E. Lawrence, J. C. Lyl, O. Moor, H. V. Parker, A. W. Ramsay, A. Reid, H. E. Standage, C. D. Wales.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

CAMBRIDGE WIN INTER 'VARSITY MATCH'.

FIRST MAN HOME.

Cambridge University won the forty-third Inter-Varsity cross-country contest at Horton Kirby, near Farningham (Kent), by defeating Oxford University by a single point—27 to 28. Thus were the prophets again confounded, for Oxford, with four of the team who scored such a sweeping victory last year, had been freely "tipped" to win again.

The Light Blues, however, who could call upon only two Old Blues, started the race full of confidence, and after the runners had covered one lap and were well into the country, it became evident that the Cantabs were going to upset Oxford's calculations.

It was splendid "packing" of Cambridge that turned the scale in their favour, for they occupied the second, third, fourth, eighth, and tenth positions.

W. A. M. Edwards, the Dark Blues' captain, fulfilled expectations by finishing first, thus repeating his performance of last year, but Ivor Thomas and L. A. B. Cooke did not run quite up to form, while the other Dark Blue, R. S. Downham, suffered a mishap during the race and finished last.

A. N. S. Skelton, who greatly improved on his performance of last year, was the hero of the Light Blues' team, for he hung on to Edwards in grim fashion all the way and made the more experienced Oxford runner go all out at the finish. D. S. A. E. Jessop and J. R. Croggan also ran splendidly to follow Skelton home, and were so well ahead of the rest that they finished slowly abreast.

The conditions prior to the race were ideal and a great number of spectators made the journey from London, but a few minutes before the start snow began to fall heavily and continued throughout the race. The course, which was slightly different from that of last year, was a little over seven miles, contained a good deal of plough, and was difficult and treacherous.

After the first mile Skelton was leading by a few yards, the next four men being all Oxonians, but when the open country was reached Cambridge began to improve, and though Edwards soon took the lead from Skelton the other Cantabs had the better of matters. Cambridge have now won the race on twenty-four occasions, while Oxford have nineteen victories to their credit.

The arrangements for the race were, as usual, carried out by the Thames Harb and Hounds, who also entertained the teams to dinner after the event.

North and South.

Of the younger players who have justified expectations none has given a clearer proof of inherent golfing ability than Mr. Andrew Jamieson, of Glasgow. That his defeat of Mr. Robert Jones, in the championship of the previous year was not just a gigantic fluke, possessing little or no significance, has been shown by Mr. Jamieson winning the Scottish Amateur Championship. Mr. Jamieson may be a dashing, intrepid, even audacious golfer, but at the same time he is a pretty effective one, and also a dangerous one, as Mr. Jones discovered to his cost. The young Scotsman is almost sure again to be given a place in the next British team. Of Major Keith Thorburn, the Surrey champion, it can be said that since he left the Artillery to go to the City his golf has improved by leaps and bounds.

The happy-go-lucky method of striking the ball anywhere and anyhow has given way to a definite style that is not at all displeasing; and as a putter Major Thorburn is an artist. Standing almost bolt upright, and swinging a long shafted putter in true pendulum fashion, Major Thorburn holes the ball from everywhere; at least that is the impression that one has got when the time comes for handing over the usual half-crown. It will be a matter of no little interest to see what further progress Major Thorburn makes in the sphere of first-class golf. Mr. W. L. Hartley, who won the St. George's Gold Challenge Cup on a difficult day with scores of 76 and 77 respectively, is still young enough to fulfil all the promise of earlier days. He has played for England, and the greater honour of representing Great Britain has escaped him.

The coming year with its stern realities may be Mr. Hartley's opportunity as it may be in the case of Mr. Ronald Hardman, of Birkdale, who has won the Lancashire championship for the second time. Mr. Hardman is a resolute player with all the sterling fighting qualities of the men from the north. Mr. Duncan Anderson, of St. George's Hill, is another young golfer who has come into prominence during the year. He has built up a reputation as a tremendously long hitter, and on the occasions that I have seen him drive Mr. Anderson would not be out-distanced, even by Mizell. Mr. Anderson has accomplished some astonishingly low scores, but at the present time he lacks the quality of consistency.

During Lent a course of sermons on subjects of the day will be given by the Jesuit Fathers to Men of the Royal Navy and Army at the 9 a.m. Naval Mass at St. Joseph's, Garden Road.

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An inspection of the new 17.50 h.p. Arrol-Aster makes it clear at once that this product of the recently amalgamated Arrol-Johnston and Aster Companies has been designed as a car specially suitable for the owner-driver. Thus, throughout, accessibility has been carefully studied and maintenance work reduced to a minimum. As an example, oil is delivered, on the One Shot system, to all minor bearings such as the brake connections and steering gear from a central reservoir by depressing a plunger. Again, a number of points, which are ordinarily lubricated by grease gun, are in the case of this chassis dealt with in a far more up-to-date manner. For instance, the ends of the springs are fitted with Silent-bloc rubber bushing, features of which are durability, silence in operation and elimination of lubrication.

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While on the subject of accessibility mention must be made also of the means employed for adjusting the four-wheel brakes. Within reach of the driver there is a hand nut which can be set while the car is in motion, and a similar method of adjustment is provided for the hand-operated rear brakes.

To supply warm air to the carburettor, a jacket surrounds the exhaust manifold, from which the air is led through a duct, cast in one piece with the cylinder block, to the carburettor, provision being made for a supply of cold air under the driver's control.

The track of this very interesting car is 4 ft. 8 in., a point which will commend it to Overseas motorists. Arrol-Johnston and Gallo-way cars have for a long time enjoyed an excellent reputation in the Dominions and Colonies, and it is certain that this new model will do much to enhance this.

NEW MOTOR TUG.

A noteworthy feat has recently been achieved by the completion in ten weeks of a fine new motor tug which has just been put into service by the Harbour Department of Cochin. She is 40 ft. long by 9 ft. beam and 2 ft. 10 in. draft, and is equipped with the very latest type of motor machinery which has been supplied by the Ailsa Craig Motor Co., Ltd., of Chiswick, London. This machinery consists of a 6-cylinder 28/36 h.p. marine motor engine fitted with electric starting motor and a dynamo for lighting the ship. With this powerful engine and a good turn of speed she is one of the finest boats in Cochin.

OILED-UP PLUGS.

If it should happen that you are troubled with a sooted or oiled-up plug when out on the road, and you have no means of getting the plug out to clean it, it can very often be made to clear itself by taking the high tension lead from the terminal and holding it about an eighth of an inch from it. This second gap acts as a spark intensifier, and will cause even a badly oiled plug to function. Once it starts to fire it will quickly clean itself. Of course the wire needs to be removed from the terminal when the engine is stationary, for even though the plug is not sparking there is still the normal kick in the wire.

MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL.

Details of Event on
 March 11.

CUPS IN ALL SECTIONS.

Enterprise On Part Of Volunteer
 Mobile Section.

Hong Kong's experience of motor cycle reliability trials is almost confined to the screen which from time to time gives us glimpses of hardy motor cyclists making their way up tortuous mountain paths, down steep, uneven gradients, and even ploughing along the beds of shallow streams. This is a form of sport peculiar to the motor cyclist and one which has gained wonderful popularity in England and elsewhere in recent years.

Something similar will be seen in Hong Kong on March 11 when the reliability trial, organised by the Motor Cycle Section H.K.V.D.C. will be held. The local trial is being organised on exactly similar lines to those at home, although it will not include waterplashes. Neither will it include anything of a hazardous nature, the course being one which any average rider can traverse, providing of course, that his machine does not fail him.

Arrangements are now well in hand and entry forms and copies of the rules may be had from Mr. H. G. Swinburne, c/o "S. C. M. Post." The event is evoking considerable discussion and there is every indication that it will be well supported.

The start will be from the Volunteer Headquarters at an hour to be arranged, and it is expected that the trial will last five or six hours. The route will be marked in order to prevent competitors from going astray.

Special number plates will be supplied to each competitor but further instructions with regard to these and other matters concerning the trial will be made known to competitors at a later date.

Cups To Be Won.

As regards the awards there will be a silver cup for competition among the entrants from the Motor Cycle Section of the Volunteers and another cup confined to members of the Flying Squad. For competitors not in the Motor Cycle Section or the Flying Squad the principal award will be a handsome silver cup, this being open to anyone taking part in the trial. It is possible that other awards will also be given in the open section.

The Committee has decided that teams of three competitors may also enter the trial and special entry forms are available for this. To form a team it is merely necessary for one intending competitor to find two others to form a team. In the trial they compete as individuals and also as a team. No restrictions are placed on the make or horsepower of the machines ridden by the team competitors.

The award in this class will go to the team which comes out of the trial with the best performance. It will be seen therefore, that it is possible for a competitor to win one of the individual awards and also to be in a team which qualifies for a team award.

The work of the organisers will be simplified if when individual competitors decide on the composition of a team only one team entry form be sent in giving the names of all three entrants competing as a team.

Finish In Darkness.

The trial will probably be split up into four laps, the third finishing at Statue Square. After that competitors will have a fourth and last lap to cover. It is expected that times will be so arranged that competitors will have to cover the last lap, or part of it, in darkness. This will not entail riding over rough and unknown paths in the dark however.

Another feature of the trial is likely to be a brake test, which, if included, will take place soon after the start and serve to demonstrate that the machines are not faulty as regards brakes. Some of the roads and paths included in the course will necessitate effective brakes and to show that machines are so equipped it may be possible to have a test soon after the start. This matter is now being considered by the Committee.

Competitors will be given a reasonable time to cover the distance between the checks and they will of

PRICE OF CARS.

INCREASE DECIDED ON IN
 AUSTRALIA.

At a conference convened in Melbourne by the Federal Council of the Australian Motor Traders' Association of delegates representative of every State, with the exception of Tasmania, it was decided to increase the price of motor cars to cover the increased duties imposed on chassis, bodies, and motor accessories under the revised tariff. The following motion, submitted by a representative of the Motor Traders Association of Queensland, was agreed to by delegates from all the States excepting New South Wales: "That all members be requested to inform the public that restrictive legislation is causing an increase in the price of motor vehicles, and that all tariff taxes on the motor industry are added to the cost of motor vehicles, so the purchaser pays all such taxes upon the motor industry, which inflates the cost of transportation and the operating taxes, amounting to 55 per cent. ad valorem on many spare parts." A motion relating to motor taxation, which was agreed unanimously, read: "That this conference, after long and careful investigation, is of the opinion that the basis adopted by State Governments for the taxation of motor vehicles is inequitable, and that members of State Associations, Automobile Clubs, and other motoring organisations be asked to support the following proposals: (a) That the Federal Government shall obtain revenue for road purposes for the States by imposing an additional petrol tariff tax on imported motor spirit, and exact duty on locally produced or refined motor spirit, which would equal the increase in duty on imported spirit; (b) that the Federal Government shall hand to each State for road purposes its proportion of the motor revenue based on the consumption of petrol in each State, the consumption being determined by imports and/or distribution by any Australian manufacturer or refiner; (c) that consequent to the foregoing being adopted State Governments shall reduce present motor taxation; (d) that taxation of horse-drawn vehicles be adopted by all State Parliaments, the revenues so raised being devoted to roads."

It was contended that motor taxation on the lines suggested in the motion would do away with the present complicated formula tax, and would be more equitable because the motorist used the roads the more petrol his car would consume, and consequently the more tax he would pay. It was agreed to approach the Federal Ministry with a request that it should retain a telephone connection and buildings at Eucla for the convenience and shelter of overland motorists.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the London Cartage and Haulage Contractors' Provident Institution Mr. F. Pick, of the London General Omnibus Company and the Underground Railways, said that the greatest loss to the City by day was that which resulted from delay and congestion on the streets. The London General Omnibus Company lost in actual out-of-pocket expenses a million pounds a year through this cause. If they could run their omnibuses as scheduled, they would be that amount better off at the end of the year.

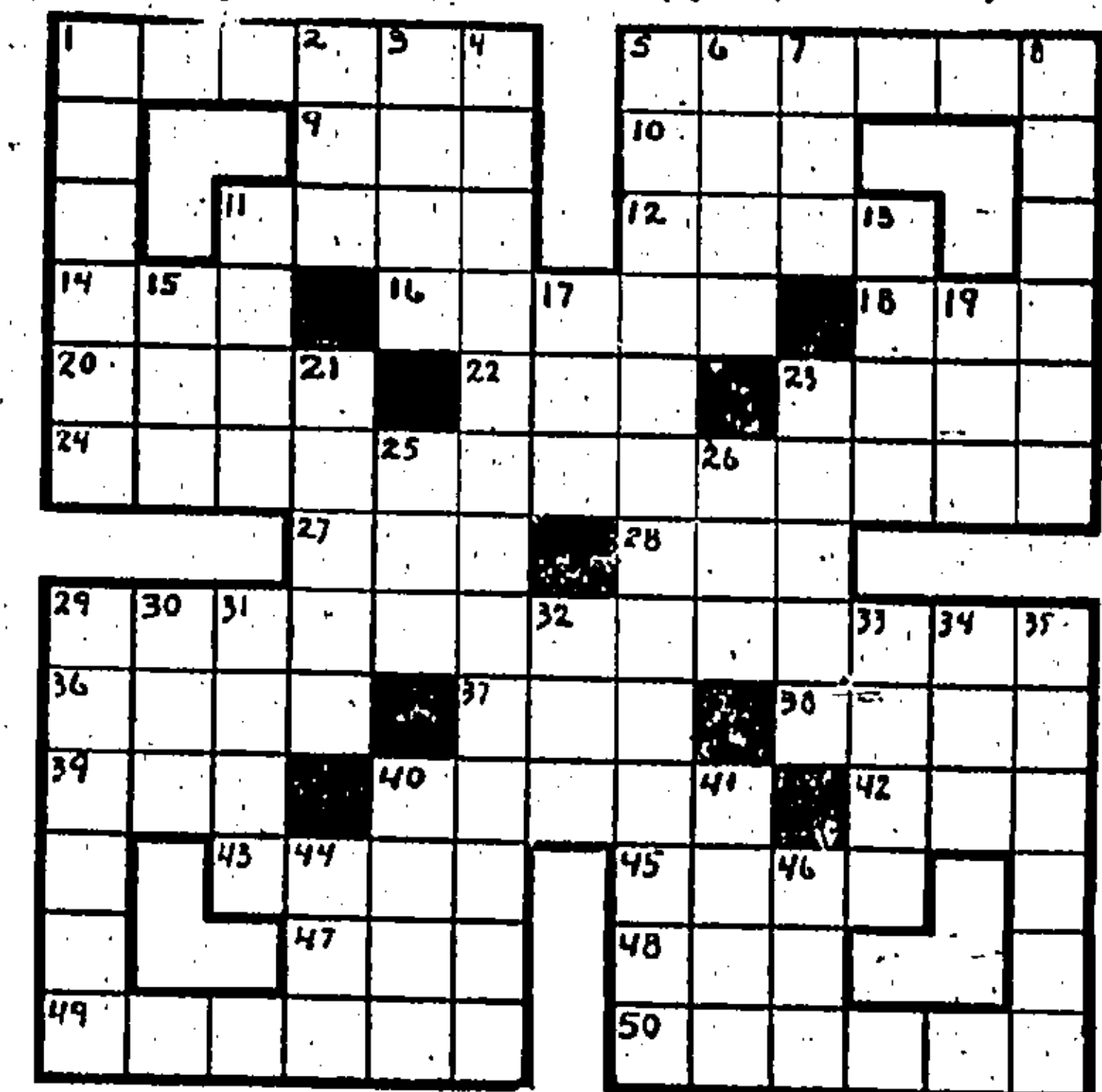
course lose points if they are outside this time. The time limit given will be a reasonable one decided on after careful times and measurement have been taken on the course. Competitors will be required to pass through certain checks, but it has not yet been decided whether these will include any secret ones.

In addition to the observers at the checks, there will be travelling marshals who will have certain powers regarding the effective control of the trial.

The committee responsible for the organisation of the trial consists of Lieut. J. E. Hancock (Chairman), Mr. H. G. Swinburne (Hon. Secretary), and L/Cpl. H. G. Williams (Hon. Treasurer). An Advisory Committee consists of Serg. E. J. Spradbery, Serg. R. K. Valentine, Cpl. F. Cowherd, Pte. G. H. Bond and Pte. E. L. Groom.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Alarm (post.)
- 5-To install
- 9-What is metal-bearing rock?
- 10-Born (French)
- 11-Froth
- 12-A kind of pastry
- 14-What is the French for a ball or dance?
- 16-What is a volume of public records called?
- 18-Postmarked
- 20-Notion
- 22-In what country is the Sea of Marmora (abbr.)
- 23-A trick
- 24-Counterbalance
- 27-A fish
- 28-A worthless leaving
- 29-Correlation
- 30-Implement
- 37-A wing
- 38-To enslave
- 39-What island group is S. W. of New Guinea?
- 40-A scythe-handle
- 42-A hard-shelled fruit
- 43-To carry (Southern U. S.)
- 45-N. central State of the U. S.

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47-Complete the name of the Hawaiian volcano that begins with Mauna
- 48-A number
- 49-What is the name of the great region stretching across N. Africa, south of the Sahara?
- 50-What is a very slender and pointed pinnacle of rock often called?

VERTICAL

- 1-What are the figures or numerals in ordinary use called?
- 2-Fish eggs
- 3-What mountains are between Europe and Asia?
- 4-What is the great historic forest in the world?
- 5-Something added, as in writing
- 6-Clice by
- 7-The (German)
- 8-What are the constant winds at the equator called?
- 9-Ancient
- 40-Very small

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Blue (French)
- 13-That is here present
- 15-Fuse
- 17-To speak with rough articulation
- 19-A drink
- 21-A heavenly guardian
- 23-Displaying wit
- 24-A substance gotten from coal
- 25-Girl's name
- 29-After what king is Italy said to have been named?
- 30-And not
- 31-To spy
- 32-The highest note of Guido's scale
- 33-A famous island at the mouth of the Firth of Lorne, Scotland
- 34-A famous Japanese general
- 35-What is the common herb with minute stinging hairs?
- 40-Greek covered porch
- 41-What is a fine sharpening stone?
- 44-Ancient
- 45-Very small

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

DRIVING HINT.

Quite a lot of the congestion in the city streets is caused by drivers who, in desiring to turn round, do so before getting to the nearest crossing. In most cases, unless the car has an exceptionally good lock, this manoeuvre takes two locks for its completion, with the result that practically the whole of the traffic is held up for a while. This practice, as well as being unnecessary, is, strictly speaking, against the traffic regulations, and drivers would do well to turn only at street corners, and then to go round the policeman or the "silent cop."

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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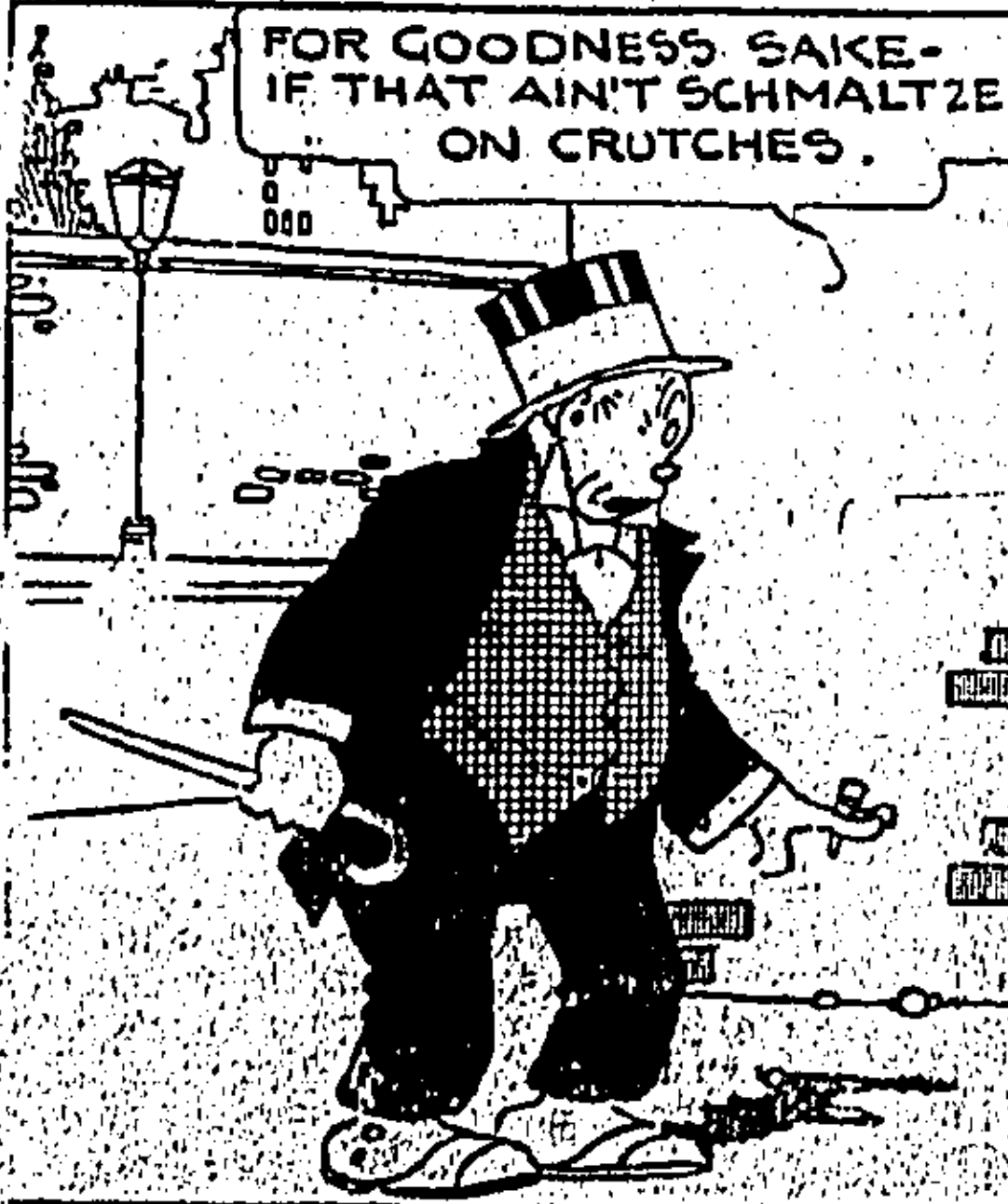
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Advice was sought by people at Home recently as to what they should do in connection with their investments in Chinese loans. Much of importance has occurred during the week relating to the visit to Shanghai of the Inspector-General of Customs, discussion on loan services secured by Customs surplus and Salt revenue and incidental questions. All messages on this subject have been reproduced in the "Overland," explaining the matter with care and precision.

Folks at Home, friends abroad and former residents will all be interested to know how Hong Kong conducted the Earl Haig memorial service, what is being said and done by the Benevolent Society, and how Hong Kong is preparing to cope with a record visit of world-tourists.

Articles on the political situation, supported by explanations written by experts expressly for people who do not understand, will be found as usual in the "Overland."

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CULTURED NEGROES

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Within the last month two speeches by negroes regarding negroes have reached a great part of America (writes Robert T. Kerlin in "The Friend") first by radio and then by the daily Press.

The first by a negro woman gave an account of 50 negro women who are eminent in various fields of achievement. The second was by a negro man and gave a similar account of 100 notable negro men.

Hardly a calling or profession was wanting: engineers, inventors, scholars, bankers, big business men, poets, novelists, editors, actors, musicians, preachers, painters, sculptors.

For a week, in the latter part of September, the New York dailies carried half-column reports of two negro congresses then in session in Harlem, the negro metropolis of the country, a portion of New York City. These were the Pan-African Congress and the Elks Congress. The New York World has a negro on its regular staff.

New Type of Story.

Time-honoured American magazines of the first rank contain short stories, poems and articles by negroes.

Of books about negroes and of books by negroes there is such an increasing multitude that it is a scholar's full-sized job to remain an authority on them. Here I shall confine my attention to fiction and poetry. In a generation there has been an utter change. The stories of Harris, Cable, Page, which so charmed a multitude of readers in the last decades of the last century, exploited a negro, the ex-slave, the old plantation "darkey." Their type of story has ceased to be written.

In the last six years there have appeared a half dozen Southern writers who have made negroes their major characters in serious novels or dramas. The last Pulitzer prize for the best American drama produced in the year was awarded to Paul Green's "In Abraham's Bosom." Paul Green is a North Carolinian, and his play concerns itself wholly with tragic aspects of negro life. It has been successful this season on Broadway.

Best Short Story.

Another Broadway play entirely concerned with negro life is "Porgy," a dramatization of a tragic novel by this title. Porgy was written by a South Carolinian.

In Braithwaite's Anthology of (American) Magazine Verse of 1926, eleven negro verse-writers are represented by 23 poems. In O'Brien's Best Short Stories of 1926 one of the 20 writers is a negro. Two of the best selling books of verse published in America in 1926 were by two young negroes. A large-selling novel was by another.

A few words—our space will permit but a few—about the most promising of these young negro writers—for they are all young. There is Countee Cullen, aged 25, whose first book of verse, "Colour," has reached its eighth edition, and whose second book, "Copper Sun," recently published, is hailed by critics as notably superior to his first. An anthology of negro poetry edited by him is announced under the title "Caroling Dusk."

The soul of the aspiring refined negro is poignantly intimated in the poetry of Cullen, with the anxiety of the masters. A recent review of "Copper Sun" is entitled "Keats in Labrador." By Labrador is meant America. The writer offers justification of both epithets.

Plumbe The Depths.

There is Cullen's friend and coeval—but utterly unlike him—Langston Hughes, with his two books of verse, "Weary Blues," and "Fine Clothes to the Jew." They have been received by a wide circle of white readers and noted by white critics as distinctive in manner and material. In the main they deal with life in the underworld, the street, the cabaret. The soul of the negro is here, too, most poignantly intimated. Not all negro critics, however, have approved.

Equal in talent to these two youthful poets are three young writers of short stories: Rudolph Fisher (frequently in the "Atlantic Monthly"), Jean Toomer (Cain), and Eric Walcott (Tropic Death). Walcott comes from Jamaica. One must go to the most graphic and tragic of post-war Continental writers to find artists who so deeply plumb the depths of the soul.

Race Conflict.

If one wishes to view the more tragic and horrible aspects of race-conflicts in America, one must read Walter White's novels, "Flight" and "Fire in the Flint."

This too brief a resume must not end without the mention of one who is both poet and novelist—James Weldon Johnson. Recently—15 years after its first publication, then unnoticed—"The Autobiography of an Ex-Coloured Man," by Mr. Johnson, has reappeared in Mr. Knopf's artistic Blue Jade Library, and at once receives in the New York World a column of praise.

This fact would seem to suggest that white America has spiritually travelled in the last 15 years. In his character as poet, Mr. Johnson has recently given us a book of negro sermons in verse entitled "God's Tremblers."

Without dialect, and in a highly original manner, the poet has brought to life the old-fashioned

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Their statement shows that not only has it proved unnecessary to call upon the subscribers for the final instalment of 2s. 6d. in the pound, but that they are able to make a refund to them of 9.82d in the pound on the amount of their guarantees.

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Mr. White's Death.

"We were handicapped," continued Sir James, "by Mr. James White's death just before he had completed his deal with us."

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"Everything has now been paid off with interest. It has meant pretty hard work for all of us during the last two years, but we were determined if it could possibly be done to clear up everything before Christmas."

The Guarantors' Loss.

The guarantors were called upon in all for about £2,000,000. The three liquidators received between them £25,000 for their two years' work—an amount fixed by the court. The largest guarantor, Sir Robert Macalpine and Sons, who subscribed £150,000, and whose "calls" totalled £181,250, receives back £6,197 10s.

When asked by an "Evening Standard" representative to-day what they thought of the result, a member of the firm said, "Call it a Christmas-box if you like—we are thankful for anything."

Mr. Eric Gamage, another guarantor, said, "I think we are lucky to get anything, we must be thankful for small mercies." Another guarantor, who desired remain anonymous, made the epigrammatic comment: "If the Exhibition had been run as well as the liquidation has been, it would have been a success."

THEATRE SLUMP.

MANY LONDON BOX OFFICES IDLE.

London theatres have been having an extraordinary time. All of them made arrangements for a holiday boom. Some lessees let their theatres twice—to a management with a play suitable for the evening, and also to another management with a children's play.

So great a rush for seats was anticipated that the theatres alone, leaving out music-halls, cinemas, conjuring entertainments, and concerts, made arrangements to sell no fewer than 455,000 seats during the week.

Then came the snow and frost, the shortage of taxicabs, and a general fear of the difficulty of getting home.

Advance Booking.

In consequence the box offices are idle. The theatres are living almost entirely on what money was taken in advance booking before Christmas started.

One pantomime took only 26 in ready money on Boxing Day. All the seats occupied had been sold before, and even then many of the sold seats were not filled. Another Christmas play took only £2 in cash the other night.

A non-musical play—an ordinary sort of success—had only £40 in advance bookings on one night, when no cash whatever was taken at the door, although normally the cash takings would have been more than £100.

So far it has been the worst Christmas week in the history of the theatre.

slave preacher of the Southern plantations, and with wonderful fidelity to his concept made him fear in his perverted and glowingly picturesque eloquence. Negro art—literature being one phase among many—has today making the most noble spiritual conquest in the United States.

OLD MASTERS.

SENSATIONAL DROP IN PRICES.

MANY SURPRISES.

Eleven old masters from the late Marquis Curzon of Kedleston's collection realised £24,171 recently at Christie's.

The principal lot was Romney's "Diana Lady Milner," which kept Mr. Hammen, the auctioneer, busy till bidding ceased after Mr. Charles Agnew's nod at £12,600. The picture is a pedigree work which belonged at one time to Sir Frederick Milner.

Romney painted it in 1791, and was paid £84 by the sitter.

The first lot in the sale, the attractive full-length of "Mrs. Farthing" by Sir Thomas Beechey, fell at £1,995—a good deal less than was expected in view of the rising popularity of this follower of Sir Joshua Reynolds, and the fact that the late Lord Curzon paid £4,830 for it ten years ago.

Anglo-French Master.

On the other hand, the £1,050 paid for "A View of Paris," by the Anglo-French master, R. P. Bonington, exceeded all forecasts, as the last sale room price of the picture was £546. The purchaser was Mr. Hammen's son—acting, presumably for a private collector.

Other surprises were caused by Hoppner's "Georgiana Lady Vernon," which made £1,785—a drop of £1,000 since it was sold in 1919; and Francis Cotes' "Countess of Shipbrook," which made £2,257—an advance of nearly £1,500 against its price in 1914. The brisk bidding for the last Curzon lot—a Dutch family group by Cornelis de Vos, was also unexpected, and the price paid, £397, was considered high.

A Salomon Van Ruysdael landscape belonging to Mr. S. Taylor later in the afternoon made £2,205, and a small Reynolds' portrait of "Miss Margaret Durant"—a pretty work in a scheme of blue—made £1,207.

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JADED APPETITES.

Sea Travel As A Pick-Me-Up.
A STEWARD'S STORY.
65,415 Bottles Of Beer On The "Australia."

An around-the-world cruise is one the best aids to loss of appetite and indigestion known to C. Heiler, the steward of the s.s. "Empress of Australia," tourist liner owned by the Canadian-Pacific Company, which is now here.

When asked how large a supply of food stores were required to carry the "Australia" and its 381 passengers around the world, the steward passed a moment, apparently doing a bit of mental mathematics. He couldn't remember off-hand, but he had the figures. Following are the estimates of the commodities taken on board the palatial three-stacker when she left New York, December 2, so that its guests might be wine and dined in the manner of kings.

Seven thousand pounds of coffee, 9,000 of jam and marmalade, 34,600 pounds of sugar, 4,500 of tea, 5,000 of biscuits, 99,000 of flour, 115,000 of potatoes, 35,500 of fresh vegetables, 86,000 of beef, 4,500 of cheese, 140,000 of ice, 22,000 of butter, 21,000 of bacon and ham, 57,800 of poultry and game, 42,000 of fish, 5,800 packages of cereals, 360 crates of apples, 350 of grapefruit, 220 of oranges, 112,000 of eggs, 2,300 bottles of sauces and 1,800 of pickles.

The wine and hard liquors on the steward's list of commodities ran up into the thousands of bottles. The "Australia" took aboard 65,415 bottles of beer at the start of the cruise and 2,019 bottles of champagne. There is still some beer left but the champagne is running low. More than 4,000 bottles of whiskey were included in the stores, 8,655 bottles of medicinal and distilled waters, 1,825 bottles of mineral waters, 1,825 bottles of claret and 1,865 bottles of gin.

The steward figured the tobacco stores in terms of cigarettes and cigars, not packages. There were not many cigars. Everybody or almost everybody on the cruise who smokes uses cigarettes. There were approximately 2,000,000 of the paper covered tobacco rolls and only 5,000 cigars.

The steward stopped figuring when he finished with the statistics on tobacco. He stated that he could produce more estimates of what long cruises does to one's appetites but that he didn't have the time.

GERMAN ARMY.

NEW DEFENCE MINISTER'S OPINION.
"OUR SMALL ARMY."
Berlin, Yesterday.
Germany was fettered under the peace treaty in a manner that was unbearable for a sovereign state, declared Herr Groener, the new Defence Minister, addressing the budget committee of the Reichstag; adding, "we cannot conduct war on a great scale with an army of 100,000; but our small army must present the highest degree of efficiency and adaptability and always be ready to ensure the security of the State."

PRESENCE OF MIND.

SINGER AVERTS PANIC IN THEATRE.
Mexico City, Yesterday.
A panic in a theatre last night, the result of the most severe earthquake shock in recent years lasting several minutes and dislocating the local seismographs, was averted by the presence of mind of a Spanish soprano.

The theatre began to rock and the terrified spectators jumped to their feet and started for the exit. The orchestra stopped playing, but the soprano continued her song and prevented a stampede. There were no casualties. Reuter's American Service.

AFTER 25 YEARS.

Capt. Fawcett Revisits Philippines.
INSURRECTION STORIES.
One Of The Interesting World Tourists Now Here.

Captain Wilford H. "Billy" Fawcett, of Robbinsdale, Minn., known the world over as the editor of "Whizz Bang," a humorous publication, and a half dozen other magazines, including the "Amateur Golfer," has the distinction of being the American soldier who carried from the offices of General Fred Grant, the first commission given a Filipino Scout.

Captain Billy, accompanied by his wife, are among the passengers on board the s.s. "Empress of Australia," Canadian-Pacific Company tourist ship, which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning.

The man who made Robbinsdale, Minn., famous served in the Philippines as a soldier during the early years of American Occupation and he has now visited the Archipelago for the first time since his departure, some 25 years ago, from those shores.

When interviewed by a reporter at the 19th Hole, Manila Hotel, he took a keen enjoyment in reviewing a few of his experiences in the Philippines during the Insurrection and the early years of American Occupation. They were all interesting. The captain is an excellent spinner of tales, as those acquainted with his "Whizz Bang" will testify. He related no hair-raising yarns, however, principally because there wasn't time. The interview was short. It lasted as long as one glass of beer.

The captain allowed as how the first three years of the Twentieth Century were wild and tumultuous. He saw General Wood in the Mindanao country, when serving under Major General Leonard Wood, then a brigadier general.

He was in the engagements in Moroland, he said, and was in Samar, serving as orderly to General Fred Grant, son of General Ulysses S. Grant, when Company "C" of the Ninth Infantry was massacred by insurgents.

Captain Billy prided himself on being the orderly who delivered the first commission ever given a Filipino soldier.

"I was under General Fred Grant at the time," he said in reviewing the incident, "and was given the commission by general's aide to carry to the Filipino. I do not remember the man's name but he was a sergeant in one of the first Scout companies organized."

"I could probably spin yarns about the early days in Mindanao all day," he continued, "but, sorry, I haven't the time. I spent two years in the southern islands and saw a great deal of the interior. I was in Jolo in 1903 when Brigadier General Wood received the cable from the War Department promoting him to the rank of major general. I experienced some heavy fighting under conditions entirely new to the American soldier and believe me, there were many long matches. I believe that sums up most of it."

Captain Billy wanted to know about the prize-fighters in the islands. He is the Tex Rickard of the northwestern United States, you see, and quite naturally takes a deep interest in things fisty. Two years ago, he secured the boxing promotion rights in Saint Paul and Minneapolis and includes boxing as one of his hobbies.

DUTCH AIR MAIL.

SERVICE TO THE EAST INDIES.
London, Yesterday.
The Royal Dutch Airlines are completing arrangements for the world's longest air mail service from Amsterdam to the Dutch Indies with one aeroplane in each direction monthly. No passengers will be carried. Reuter.

FIRE FATALITY.

SIX PERSONS PERISH AT LONG BEACH.
Long Beach (California), Yesterday.
An entire block of the city including an oil refinery was burned down this morning. There were six fatalities. Reuter's American Service.

RADIO COMPLAINT.

The Shanghai-Manila Service.
"MONOPOLY" RIGHTS.
Reported Protest By British Interests.

Shanghai, Feb. 7.
The British and the Danish Consular authorities here have lodged a protest with the Chinese authorities aimed directly against the American Consular and naval authorities for the maintenance of radio communication between Shanghai and Manila.

The protest alleges that the maintenance of an American radio station in the consulate here infringes the monopolistic privileges of the communication which China granted many years ago to the so-called British Danish Cable Trust, which includes the ownership of the great Northern and Eastern Cable Companies and a majority of the control over the American registered Commercial Pacific Cable Company.

Higher Rates.
Owing to the cable rates between Shanghai and Manila, which are considerably higher than the cable rates across the Atlantic although the distance between Shanghai and Manila is only about 1,000 miles, the United States naval authorities recently established a radio station at the American Consulate here for the purpose of sending the official service messages. The station does not handle the commercial messages, hence the present protest is interpreted as an attempt of the British-Danish cable interests to force the United States to use the cables instead of the radio.

Though the protest is lodged with the Chinese authorities, it is not believed that the Chinese intend to interfere with the American station since they have already served a notice to the cable trust to the effect that the monopolistic contract is not renewable. The contract of the cable companies with the Government is reported to expire in 1930, when the Chinese intend to open the field to American independent companies in order to land lines on the coasts of China.

The British-Danish cable interests are also said to be largely instrumental for the blocking of the private American radio interests from the erection of the stations on the Chinese soil in order to provide a direct communication between China and the United States with reasonable rates, especially those covering the press messages.

NURSE CAVELL.

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN'S VIEWS ON FILM.
LIKELY ACTION.
London, Yesterday.

Declining the producer's invitation to view the Nurse Cavell film Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that Miss Cavell's memory was held in reverence both by friends and ex-enemies who admire her selfless devotion to duty, but he knows of no authority to justify certain incidents in the film which would only provoke a controversy over the grave of a world's heroine. Hence he feels the strongest repugnance at the production.

It is understood that though the Foreign Office has no power to censor films, Sir A. Chamberlain had previously privately approached Mr. T. P. O'Connor, the head of the Film Censors Board, and criticised the film on similar grounds to the above. Reuter.

LIBERAL GAIN.

THE LANCASTER BY ELECTION.
London, Yesterday.

The Lancaster by-election caused by the elevation of Sir Gerald Strickland to the peerage has resulted as follows:
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Mr. Ramsbottom (Con.) 12,860
Rev. Davies (Lab.) 6,101
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"Stunning Victory."
London, Yesterday.
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